#### IN LIEU OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006 COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113

#### I. MAYOR

- \* 1. NEWS ADVISORY Mayor Seng to Announce Water Conservation Plans at News Conference.
- \* 2. NEWS RELEASE Mayor Calls for Voluntary Water Conservation.
- \* 3. NEWS RELEASE Mayor Announces Winners of Annual Water Conservation Art Contest.
- \* 4. NEWS RELEASE Pre-Construction Open House Planned on Stormwater Improvements.
- \* 5. Washington Report, May 12, 2006

#### II. DIRECTORS

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

\* 1. Monthly City Cash Report.

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

\* 1. NEWS RELEASE - Adult Smoking Rate on the Decline.

#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- \* 1. Lincolnshire Square 4<sup>th</sup> Addition Final Plat #05108. Generally located at South 70<sup>th</sup> and "A" Streets.
- \* 2. Annexation by Ordinance, No. 18691. Effective: April 11, 2006. 42.52 Acres.
- \* 3. Earley's Addition Final Plat #05122. Generally located at North 52<sup>nd</sup> and Garland Streets.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

- \* 1. Special Permit No. 06031. (Wireless Facility 540 North 46<sup>th</sup> Street). Resolution No. PC-00995.
- \* 2. Waiver No. 06002. (Sanitary Sewer Design Standards 84<sup>th</sup> and Rokeby Road). Resolution No. PC-00997.
- \* 3. Special Permit No. 06030, charleston Heights Community Unit Plan. (Northwest of North 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Humphrey Avenue) Resolution No. PC-00996.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

\* 1. King Little structural engineering inspection and investigation of walls located at 1840 "E" Street

#### **PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING**

\* 1. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY. Pine Lake Road widening project #700014; 40<sup>th</sup> Street - 61<sup>st</sup> Street, 56<sup>th</sup> Street; Shadow Pines - Thompson Creek

#### III. CITY CLERK

#### IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

#### **JON CAMP**

\* 1. Email from Jodi Delozier regarding fire truck late fees. The City Council should move forward and collect the late fees.

#### JONATHAN COOK

- \* 1. Request to Bruce Dart, Health Director RE: Request for a sign at 31<sup>st</sup> & Calvert about dogs having to be on a leash and cleaning up after them (RFI#129 05/04/06)
- \* 2. Request to Harry Kroos, Public Works & Utilities Department; Sidewalks. RE: Sidewalk Ramps around Milder Manor (RFI#130 5/04/06)

#### **ROBIN ESCHLIMAN**

- \* 1. Community Meeting held May 12, 2006. Ideas for increasing City income.
- \* 2. Letter to Mayor Seng regarding specific budget cuts.

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

\* 1. Letter from Aquila, re: Extension of 8 years on the Aquila franchise with the City of Lincoln.

#### **Correspondence Supporting Proposal to Ban Concealed Weapons**

- \* 1. Email from Kathleen Nelson.
- \* 2. Email from Marcee Metzger, Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center.
- \* 3. Letter from Clarice Lawson. (Letter distributed to Council Members)

#### **Other Correspondence**

- \* 1. Email from Paul Haith, re: Fire truck issue. Encourage Council to request an independent audit by an outside agency.
- \* 2. Email from an anonymous constituent with ideas for consideration.
- \* 3. Email from Karen Hatcher, re: West "A" Project. Possibly a reconsideration or "tweaking" the eminent domain plan.
- \* 4. Email from Christopher B. Stokes, re: Lincoln transportation issues.
- \* 5. Email from Steve and Carol Anderson, re: Gas prices in Lincoln compared to Omaha.
- \* 6. Email from Carol Anderson, re: Gas prices listed for Lincoln versus Omaha.
- \* 7. Email from Kay Wunderlich, re: Gas prices different in West Omaha versus Lincoln.
- \* 8. Email from Jan Anderson, re: Twenty-two (22) cent price difference gasoline here in Lincoln and in West Omaha.
- \* 9. Email from David Oenbring, re: Sales tax decline study effect of the smoking ban; thanks for Taste of China saved from eminent domain.
- \*10. Email from Vicky Valenta re: Lincoln Journal Star article.

# <u>Letters Received in Appreciation of Postponement of Change of Zone #06012 at 9<sup>th</sup> and Van Dorn Streets with Suggestions for Rezoning</u>

- \* 1. Paul Hetrick, 2611 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- \* 2. Russell Hand, 2661 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

- \* 3. Ron Linville, 2601 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- \* 4. Abraham Gamez, 2619 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- \* 5. Juan Tapia, 2538 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street.
- \* 6. B. Powell, 2710 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street.
- \* 7. Angela Kimpton, 2667 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- \* 8. Arnold Walker, 2650 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street.
- \* 9. Kevin Lewis, 1015 Hill Street.
- \*10. Roger Carter, 1032 Hill Street.
- \*11. Mr. and Mrs. N. Welter, 2640 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- \*12. Margaret Stroup, 2727 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- \*13. Troy and Connie Saltzman, 2673 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

\*HELD OVER UNTIL JUNE 5, 2006.

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MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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#### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

**DATE:** May 17, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will announce the City's plan for water conservation this summer at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 18 at the Lincoln Water System Conservation Garden, 2021 North 27th Street. The Mayor also will present awards to the winners of the annual water conservation student art contest.

In case of rain, the news conference will be held inside the LWS facility at the same address.



# NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 18, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System, 441-7571

#### MAYOR CALLS FOR VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today encouraged Lincoln residents to voluntarily conserve outdoor water use this summer by following the designated day schedule instituted two years ago. She encouraged good conservation practices as the unpredictable summer months approach and the state continues to experience dry conditions.

The Lincoln area has had below normal precipitation for the month of May, with Platte River flows also below normal. The Platte River wellfield that supplies Lincoln with its drinking water is 93 percent full. The reservoir systems on the North Platte River that the City relies on for water are only 35 to 40 percent full.

"With the coming summer months, it's reassuring to know that our water supply is in good shape," said Mayor Seng. "But we know from experience that the weather and the corresponding potential drought conditions can change quickly." The Mayor's Water Conservation Task Force is encouraging citizens of Lincoln to practice water conservation through the summer.

Properties with street addresses ending in an even number, including zero, are asked to voluntarily limit outdoor water use (watering lawns and washing vehicles) to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Properties with addresses ending in odd numbers are asked to voluntarily limit outdoor watering to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Those property owners with more than one street address at the same location can choose either daily schedule and notify the Lincoln Water System (LWS) of their decision.

LWS Chief Engineer Jerry Obrist said residents have done a good job conserving outdoor water in the past. He reminded residents that the City's water fees are structured to encourage conservation. "The more water you use, the higher your rate, so those who water excessively this summer can expect high water bills," Obrist said.

Water is billed by the unit. One unit is 100 cubic feet of water or about 750 gallons. The price is 99.5 cents per unit for the first eight units (about 6,000 gallons). The price increases to \$1.38 per unit for the next 15 units (11,250 gallons). It increases again to \$2.10 per unit for every 750 gallons above 15 units. A complete description of water rates and the City's Water Management Plan are available on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov, under Public Works and Utilities.

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In addition to following the designated day system, LWS and the Mayor's Water Conservation Task Force recommend:

- watering during the cool part of the day;
- not watering when it is windy;
- adjusting sprinklers to water only the lawn, and not the sidewalk or street;
- using a broom, not a hose and water, for outdoor cleaning; and
- washing your car with a pail of soapy water, using the hose only to rinse the car.

Obrist encouraged those who have automatic lawn irrigation systems to set them to follow the designated watering days system. He said many Lincoln citizens have already set their systems to operate in the morning, the cooler part of the day.

"Our statistics show that enough people are conforming to our conservation suggestions that our peak time for water usage has shifted from later in the day to earlier in the day," said Obrist. "Residents have always shown a willingness to assist with our water management practices in the past. I'm confident they'll follow suit this time as well, and we appreciate their help." Obrist said that the use of designated days also helps to level the daily usage of water throughout the week.



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### MAYOR ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ANNUAL WATER CONSERVATION ART CONTEST

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today announced the winners of the annual water conservation busboard contest. Lincoln fifth-graders participated in the art contest, sponsored by the Mayor's Water Conservation Task Force. The winning entry was submitted by Olivia Eighme from Eastridge Elementary School. Her artwork will be displayed on a StarTran busboard.

"This annual contest is a great way to display the artistic talents of our young people," said Mayor Seng. "It's also a great way to introduce them to the idea that we need to be good stewards of our environment and our natural resources. It's never too early to reinforce good water conservation practices. These young people understand that we need to value and cherish our natural resources in their lifetime and set a good example for the generations to follow."

Second place was awarded to Cruz Martinez of Hawthorne Elementary, and the third-place award went to Pujaa Rajan of Cavett Elementary. Honorable mention awards were presented to Megan Rook, Hawthorne Elementary; Emalee Henning, Fredstrom Elementary; Zach Kulawik, Morley Elementary; Claire Hempel, Humann Elementary; Sheila Boothe, Blessed Sacrament; Brittney Schuster, Eastridge Elementary; and Elsa Parr, Maxey Elementary.



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#### PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Watershed Management, 901 North 6th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7701, fax 441-8194

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 17, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Craig Aldridge, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7560

Katie Tauer, E&A Consulting Group, 420-7217

## PRE-CONSTRUCTION OPEN HOUSE PLANNED ON STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

The public is invited to an open house Wednesday, May 24 to discuss proposed stormwater drainage improvements in central Lincoln. The informal meeting is set for 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the gym at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ School, 3245 South 37th Street.

Improvements that will be made to the existing storm drainage system which begins at South Street between 37th and 38th streets. The system continues south past Van Dorn Street, west onto Otoe Street and then south through Pawnee, Melrose and High Streets. The project will add capacity to the stormwater system with the installation of new pipes and inlets. Work is expected to begin in early June and take about five months to complete.

At the open house, participants will have the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed improvements and meet with the project design and construction team.

For more information on the open house, call Katie Tauer at E&A Consulting Group, Inc., 420-7217. More information on this and other City Public Works and Utilities construction projects is available on the City web site at lincoln.ne.gov.

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#### HOUSE ACTION ON TELECOM BILL DELAYED

#### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

COPE bill may be referred to Judiciary: Senate Commerce unveils schedule. The House parliamentarian has yet to make a decision to refer to the House Judiciary Committee the telecommunications legislation (HR 5252) approved by the Energy and Commerce Committee last month. It had been thought that House leadership was against such a referral, but the delay may mean that the Judiciary Committee is making a strong case in their favor.

If the referral is granted, the bill will not reach the House floor before the week of May 22, giving local government additional time to educate rank and file House members about the threat that the bill poses to local government finances and authority.

The Judiciary Committee will reportedly be able to address only those parts that the parliamentarian finds it has jurisdiction, specifically the bill's network neutrality and anti-discrimination provisions. However, the referral delays floor action on the bill and represents a serious setback to its supporters, who are eager for the House to pass the bill before the Memorial Day recess (see the May 5 Washington Report for a full description of HR 5252).

In the Senate, Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-AK) announced that his panel will mark up his recently introduced telecommunications bill (S 2686) on June 8. The mark up will come after the Committee holds hearings on May 18 and 25. The May 18 hearing will include a discussion of franchising issues and Dearborn, Michigan Mayor Michael Guido will testify on behalf of the major local government organizations.

Local governments have begun to express concerns about S 2686. Although it appears

to maintain local franchising, the bill's requirement that local government approve all franchise requests within 30 days and its requirement that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) create a standard franchise that all local governments must use has alarmed local officials.

While maintaining local franchising in name, the Senate bill would essentially lead to national franchising and would rob local governments of all enforcement authority and negotiating leverage. In addition, local government organizations have expressed dismay at a provision in the bill that would require a local government to pay attorney and FCC fees if the FCC found it had abused its power. The bill contains no similar penalty for video services providers. (See the May 5 Washington Report for a full description of S 2686).

#### **BUDGET**

House continues consideration of FY 2007 spending bills, but fails to come to an agreement on a budget resolution. The House Appropriations Committee continued its ambitious schedule this week to complete action on the 11 FY 2007 spending bills prior to the Independence Day congressional recess.

Republican moderates in the House continue to press for the budget resolution to provide the FY 2007 Labor, HHS, and Education Departments appropriations bill with \$7.2 billion more than was proposed by the President. Moderates also expressed concern with funding levels for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which the White House slated for a \$1 billion cut in FY 2007. Without a commitment to raise that spending level, enough moderates will vote against the resolution to ensure its defeat on the House floor. House leaders are

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expected to try to bring the resolution to the floor next week, but if that effort fails, it may mark the first time in 30 years that the House has not approved a budget resolution.

While the budget resolution is designed to set broad parameters under which the Appropriations Committee must operate when making funding recommendations for specific programs each year, it is non-binding. As a result, the House Appropriations Committee has chosen to move forward with consideration of its 11 FY 2007 spending bills. This week, three measures (Agriculture, Interior and EPA, and Military Quality of Life) were cleared for House floor votes, while two more (Energy and Water, Homeland Security) were approved on the subcommittee level.

While the White House and Republican leaders in Congress are taking a hard line on domestic discretionary spending, other initiatives moving forward will make it difficult to erase the federal budget deficit. Both the House and Senate approved a \$70 billion package of tax cuts this week, clearing that measure for the President's signature. The measure will provide an extension until 2010 for capping the tax rate on capital gains and dividends at 15 percent, make inflation adjustments to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), and extend through 2007 a provision to allow small businesses to expense up to \$100,000 in depreciable assets each year. measure was protected from a filibuster in the Senate by special budget rules known as reconciliation.

In addition, a \$516 billion Defense Department authorization bill is moving through both chambers with little difficulty, and that measure does not include any funding for current military operations in the Middle East. Those conflicts will be funded through an FY 2006 supplemental appropriations bill that, once it is finalized, will provide between \$90 and \$100 billion that is expected to last only through October.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY**

House panel cuts first responder funding, though not as deeply as White House requests. The Homeland Security Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee approved legislation that would fund programs at the Department of Homeland Security in FY 2007.

While the Subcommittee rejected the Bush Administration's proposal to cut first responder funding by 18 percent from the FY 2006 level, the bill would still cut the programs by two percent. Both the Firefighter Assistance Grants and the SAFER firefighter hiring programs would see major cuts. The bill would increase overall funding for the Department by 6 percent from FY 2006, with most of the increase going to the Customs and Border Protection Service and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Service.

Highlights of the bill for local governments (with changes from FY 2006 levels in parentheses) include:

- \$750 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative (-1.9%),
- \$150 million for rail and transit security (same),
- \$200 million for port security (+1.2%),
- \$945 million for state formula grants (-0.2%),
- \$500 million for Firefighter Assistance Grants (-23.6%),
- \$40 million for SAFER (-63.5%),
- \$180 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants (-2.5%) and
- \$198 million for FEMA Flood Map Modernization (-2%).

Although details are not yet available, it appears that the bill might not include funding for the Metropolitan Medical Response Systems Program, which was previously funded at \$30 million.

The full Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider the bill next week.

#### FLOOD CONTROL

House panel slashes funding for Army Corps of Engineers. The Energy and Water Development Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee approved its FY 2007 appropriations bill this week. The bill would provide \$5 billion for Army Corps of Engineers flood control, navigation, beach restoration and environmental restoration projects, \$345 million less than last year but \$251 million more then the Administration proposed.

The cut in funding means that the backlog of projects will continue to mount and that there will be little or nor funding available for new projects and considerably less funding provided for many current projects.

The bill would also restrict the reprogramming of funds between projects and would impose long-term financial planning requirements on the Corps. Details on specific projects are not yet available.

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#### **IMMIGRATION**

Senate agreement clears way for a vote on immigration reform bill. Republican and Democratic leaders in the Senate came to an agreement this week that paves the way for the continued floor debate of legislation to reform the nation's immigration laws. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) now expects the debate to begin next week and stretch up to the Memorial Day recess slated to begin the week of May 29

The Senate stalemate on the immigration bill revolved around a compromise on the guest worker issue crafted by Senators Mel Martinez (R-FL) and Chuck Hagel (R-NE). Democrats approved of the compromise, but were fearful that conservative Republicans would successfully amend the proposal during floor debate. In addition, Democrats feared that Frist would appoint a majority of Senators opposed

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to the guest worker program to a House-Senate conference committee on the bill and would destroy the hard-fought Senate compromise. As a result, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) was insisting that Frist publicly name his conferees prior to a final vote on the legislation.

Frist and Reid came to an agreement that designates some conferees in advance and allows for consideration of a reasonable amount of floor amendments. Debate will begin next week and the issue is now expected to consume Senate floor activity for the remainder of the month.

#### **HUMAN SERVICES**

House subcommittee considers rewrite of Older Americans Act. The House Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Select Education approved legislation (HR 5293) this week that would reauthorize the programs under the jurisdiction of the 1965 Older Americans Act.

The bill would authorize for five years all of the programs at the Administration on Aging at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), such as transportation assistance, nutrition programs, legal aid, and health care referrals for the elderly. It also authorizes the Meals on Wheels Program that provides food to homebound, low-income seniors. Aging Administration programs totaled \$1.2 billion in the FY 2006 HHS budget.

In its reauthorization proposal, the Bush Administration suggested a change to the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) at the Department of Labor. The White House would like to deemphasize the community service aspect of the program and focus more on job training opportunities. Democrats on the subcommittee objected to the change, arguing that community service has been part of the program's mission since its inception. Sponsors of the bill crafted compromise language that maintains a prominent role for community service in the program while reflecting the White House philosophy on job training.

The bill is expected to be considered in the full House Education and Workforce Committee next week.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

House panel to consider firearm bill. The Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee was scheduled to markup HR 5005, the "Firearms and Corrections Improvements Act," this week. However, a scheduled markup did not take place and the full Judiciary Committee is expected to consider HR 5005 next week.

HR 5005 was introduced in March by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX). The bill would create restrictions to disclosure of firearm information by the National Trace Center of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). ATF operates the firearms trace database that helps local law enforcement reduce gun violence by helping identify illegal gun sales. In addition, this bill would no longer require ATF to report multiple gun purchases to local law enforcement agencies.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg testified before the subcommittee in late March. He harshly criticized the bill, saying it would remove an important local law enforcement tool and endanger police officers. He later hosted a mayor's summit on illegal guns to raise awareness of illegal guns in general and to focus mayors' attention on this bill specifically.

#### **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Department of Health and Human Services: The Administration on Children, Youth, and Families; Family and Youth Services Bureau is accepting applications for the Community Awareness and Outreach Campaign Projects for the Prevention of Family Violence program. The program is designed to create awareness of the available resources to break the cycle of family violence. There will be approximately ten grants of \$75,000 each awarded for a 12-month program period. The application deadline is June 11, 2006, and more detailed information can be found at:

www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-EV-0126.html.

**Department of Education**: The Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools is accepting applications for the Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant program for Local Education Agencies. This program improves emergency response plans for schools by training school personnel, students, and parents. The schools work with local law enforcement, public safety, public health, and mental health agencies to improve emergency response There is approximately procedures. \$24,000,000 available to be awarded in amounts ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Applications are due June 22, 2006, and more information is available in the May 11 Federal Register, Page 27577.

#### OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

#### MAY 15, 2006

TO:

**MAYOR COLEEN SENG & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS** 

FROM:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business April 30, 2006:

Cash Balance on April 30, 2006	\$	\$204,236,823.73
Less Total Credits April 1-30, 2006	\$	(\$27,495,975.14)
Plus Total Debits April 1-30, 2006	\$ .	\$35,723,116.61
Balance Forward	\$	\$196,009,682.26

I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.	\$ \$1,923,974.85
Wells Fargo Bank	\$ (\$3,815.95)
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	\$ (\$9,320.60)
Cornhusker Bank	\$ \$5,319.64
Pinnacle Bank	\$ \$8,325.67
Union Bank & Trust Company	\$ \$115,557.93
West Gate Bank	\$ (\$11,005.62)
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	\$ \$40,642,317.15
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	\$ \$160,879,293.91
Cash, Checks and Warrants	\$ \$686,176.75
Total Cash on Hand April 30, 2006	\$ \$204,236,823.73

The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of \$24,928,603.94 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:** 

Joan E. Ross, City Clerk

Melinda Jones City Treasurer

# CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT APRIL 2006

	COSIF	MAIUKIIYDAIE	ORIGINAL FACE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET PRICE	MARKET VALUE
FHLMC FGLMC D67795	3128F7UU6	12/01/2009	\$1,191,991.00	\$68,715.21	1.04	\$71,704.08
FHLMC GOLD POOL B13665	312966CA0	04/01/2019	\$10,000,000.00	\$8,161,802.00	0.93	\$7,571,136.47
FHLMC FGTW C90689	31335HXS7	07/01/2023	\$11,150,000.00	\$8,514,877.57	0.93	\$7,913,829.39
FNMA FNCL 254725	31371K4J7	05/01/2033	\$500,000.00	\$327,782.40	0.95	\$309,971.55
FNMA FNCL 254592	31371KXV8	12/01/2032	\$3,100,000.00	\$1,747,608.14	0.95	\$1,653,082.81
FNMA FNARM 303824	31373UPH4	07/01/2025	\$1,600,000.00	\$42,399.54	1.01	\$42,913.61
FNMA FNCL 538363	31385AB89	04/01/2030	\$550,000.00	\$29,749.49	1.06	\$31,639.86
FNMA FNCI 682970	31400BW77	02/01/2018	\$7,100,000.00	\$3,795,027.25	0.95	\$3,610,338.83
FNMA FNCL 703944	31401CBM4	05/01/2033	\$8,365,000.00	\$5,136,699.40	0.95	\$4,857,584.51
FNMA POOL 725772	31402DJR2	09/01/2034	\$8,500,000.00	\$6,899,938.07	0.94	\$6,516,202.15
FNMA FNARM 764364	31404CFD7	06/01/2034	\$9,943,084.00	\$8,190,025.32	96.0	\$7,837,778.89
FNMA FNARM 768922	31404HG78	06/01/2034	\$4,400,000.00	\$3,742,919.0\$	0.95	\$3,570,482.77
FNMA FNCL 805211	31406BR85	01/01/2035	\$3,520,000.00	\$3,275,685.28	0.91	\$2,993,564.60
GNMA-2 G2JO 3156	36202DQH7	11/20/2016	\$2,550,000.00	\$683,667.88	0.99	\$678,799.55
GNMA-2 G2JO 3194	36202DRP8	02/20/2017	\$4,130,000.00	\$1,311,783.03	0.99	\$1,301,797.87
USBANK NE		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$76,600,075.00	\$51,928,679.63	-	\$48,960,826.94
FNCL 256023 6.00%	31371MLC9	12/01/2035	\$11,300,000.00	\$10,548,719.39		\$10,508,358.41
FNCL 759855 5.50%	31403WE45	02/01/2034	\$1,250,000.00	\$838,661.46		\$816,750.52
G2SF 3274 6.50%	36202DT76	08/20/2032	\$30,800,000.00	\$3,273,390.12		\$3,338,049.53
GNSF 781210 6.50%	36225BKX5	09/15/2029	\$8,700,000.00	\$716,201.75	-	\$738,572.37
WELLS FARGO BANK NE		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$52,050,000.00	\$15,376,972.72		\$15,401,730.83
FHLB 4.00	3133XAT56	03/10/2008	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00		
FHLB 5.375%	3133MEU66	05/15/2006	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00		
FHLB 4.30%	3133XBNR2	04/18/2008	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00		
UNION BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00		
FHLB 2.665 %	31339YVL3		\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00		
CORNHUSKER BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00		
FHLB STEP UP 2.4%	31339XUE2	01/09/2009	\$2,000,000.00			
FHLB TOPEKA LOC	LOC #9004	04/10/2007	\$2,000,000.00	ď.		
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TIER ONE BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$2,000,000.00			





MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG



#### LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

3140 N Street, Lincoln NE 68510 • Phone: 441-8000 Fax: 441-8323 or 441-6229

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** May 17, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Humm, 441-8043

#### ADULT SMOKING RATE ON THE DECLINE

Not only are there fewer adults who are smoking, but over 15,000 Lancaster County smokers tried to quit last year. This is according to the 2005 Adult Behavior Risk Factor Survey conducted by the Nebraska Health & Human Services System for Lancaster County. These quit attempts seem to be reflective in the percentage of adults who are using tobacco. The 2005 smoking rate of 17.1% is down from the 2004 rate of 19.3% and the 2003 rate of 23.6%.

Although these percentage differences may seem small, the survey findings mean that approximately 4,036 fewer adults are smoking now than in 2004. "We are pleased by the appearance of a downward trend in smoking, but we still have work to do to help more people quit for good," said David Humm, Coordinator of Adolescent & Family Health and Tobacco Prevention at the Health Department.

Clearly, physician counseling and employer supported smoking cessation are among the most effective preventive services, said Mr. Humm. We want to work to assure that more patients and employees hear that message and receive appropriate support from their primary care physicians, as well as other health care professionals and employers.

There are a number of local resources to help people quit smoking. Our local hospitals and the American Cancer Society do a great service in answering questions and making referrals. Tobacco cessation support is also available through the National Quitline – (1-800-QUITNOW). This number puts users in touch with programs that can help them give up tobacco. In addition, the website (www.smokefree.gov) offers on-line advice and downloadable information to make cessation easier. For more information on the Health Department's tobacco prevention resources, call 441-6225.

#### **Other Internet Resources:**

American Cancer Society: <a href="www.cancer.org">www.cancer.org</a>
American Lung Association: <a href="www.lungusa.org">www.lungusa.org</a>

Tobacco Free Nebraska: www.hhs.state.ne.us/tfn/ces/cesindex.htm

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/tobacco/how2quit.htm

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is committed to quality population-based public health services which are focused on improving the health status of the community.



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Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department Marvin S. Krout, Director

Jon Carlson, Chair City-County Planning Commission

> 555 South 10th Street Suite 213 Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 402-441-7491 fax: 402-441-6377

May 12, 2006

Tom Catlett REGA Engineering 4827 Pioneers Blvd Lincoln, NE 68506

RE: Lincolnshire Square 4<sup>th</sup> Addition Final Plat #05108 Generally located at S. 70<sup>th</sup> & A Streets

Dear Mr. Catlett:

Lincolnshire Square 4<sup>th</sup> Addition generally located the southeast corner of S. 70<sup>th</sup> & A Streets was approved by the Planning Director on May 12, 2006. The plat and must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at \$.50 per **existing** lot and per **new** lot and \$20.00 per plat sheet for the plat. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

Pursuant to § 26.11.060(d) of the Lincoln Municipal Code, this approval may be appealed to the Planning Commission and any decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a letter of appeal within 14 days of the action being appealed. The plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds after the appeal period has lapsed (date + 14 days), and the recording fee and signed subdivision agreement have been received.

Sincerely,

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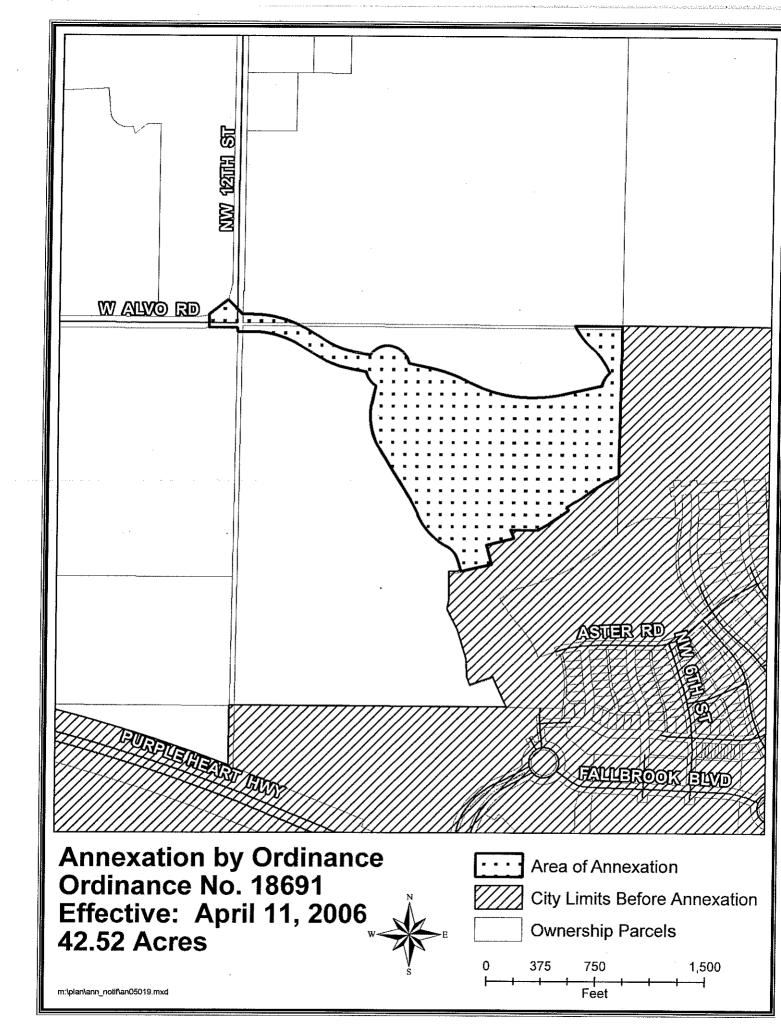
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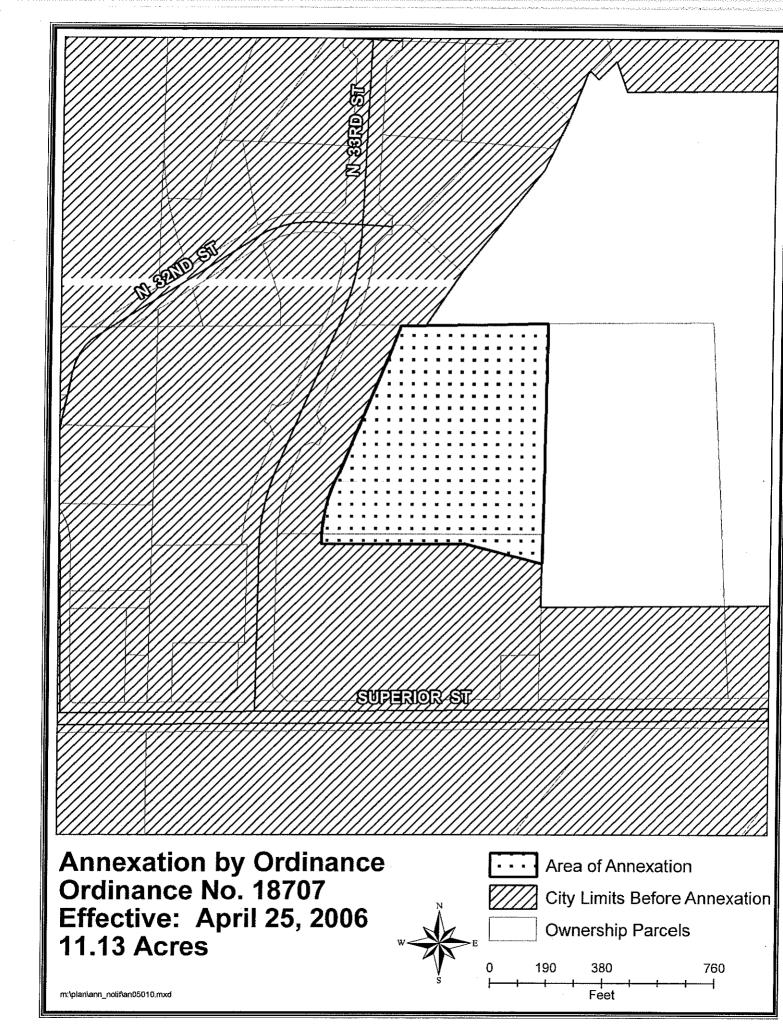
CC: Lincolnshire Estates Inc., Owner Hampton Enterprises Inc., Applicant City Council
Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities Terry Kathe, Building & Safety Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric Jean Walker, Planning

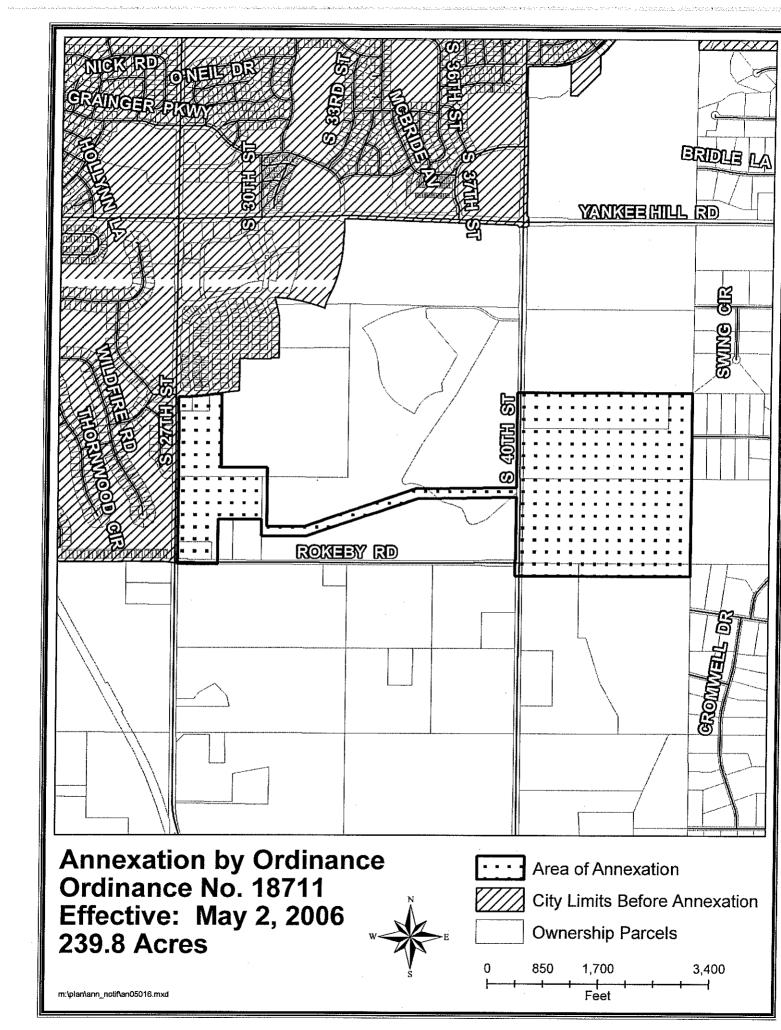
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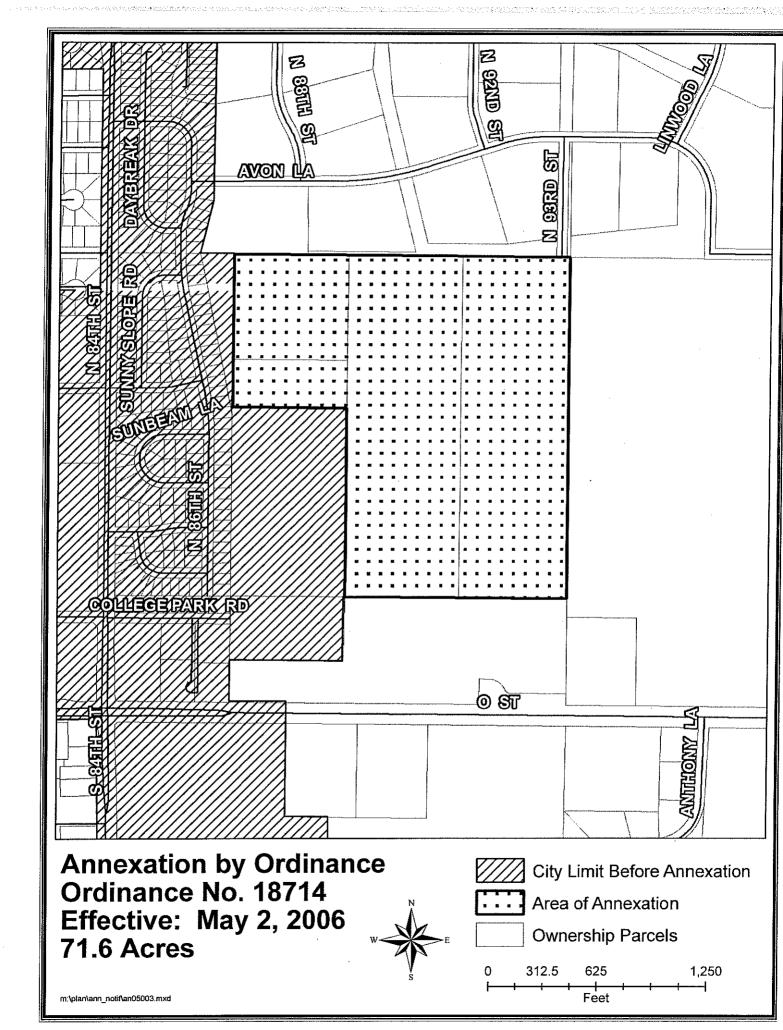
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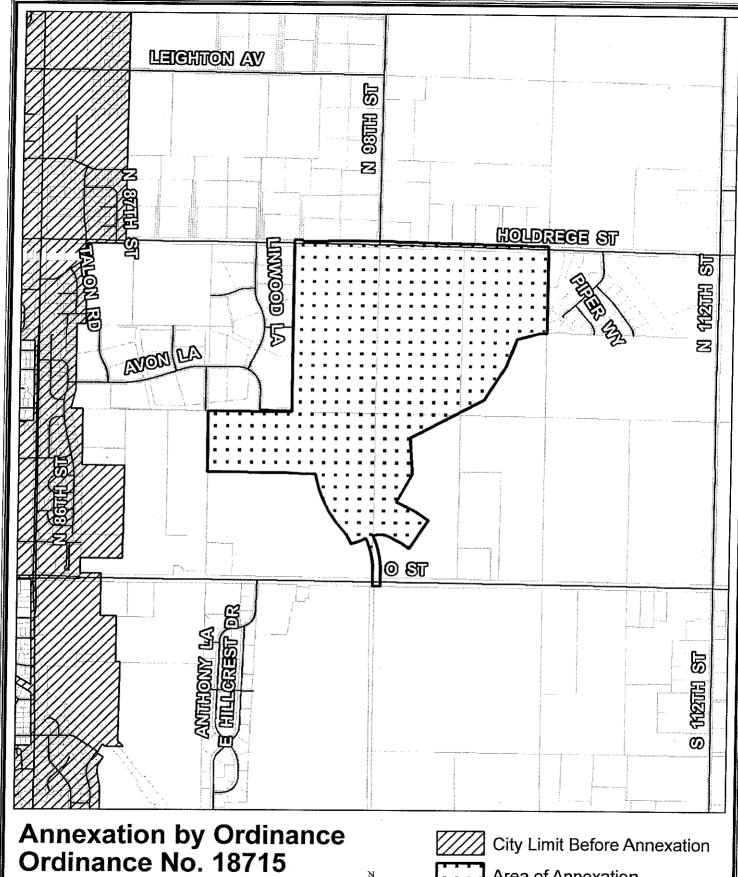












Ordinance No. 18715 Effective: May 2, 2006 **329.8 Acres** 



Area of Annexation Ownership Parcels 850 1,700 3,400

Feet

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May 15, 2006

Joe Kerr 540 W Industrial Lake Drive Lincoln, NE 68528

RE: Earley's Addition Final Plat #05122 Generally located at N. 52<sup>nd</sup> and Garland Streets

Dear Mr. Kerr:

Earley's Addition generally located at the southeast corner of N. 52<sup>nd</sup> and Garland Streets was approved by the Planning Director on May 15, 2006. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at \$.50 per existing lot and per new lot and \$20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and \$.50 per new lot and \$5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

The plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds after the recording fee and signed subdivision agreement have been received.

Sincerely,

Joe Řexwinkle

Planner

CC: Charles Earley, Owner/Subdivider

City Council

Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities

Terry Kathe, Building & Safety

Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric

Jean Walker, Planning

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#### PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Coleen Seng

Lincoln City Council

FROM:

Jean Walker, Plannin

DATE:

May 11, 2006

RE

Special Permit No. 06031

(Wireless facility - 540 N. 46th Street)

Resolution No. PC-00995

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2006:

Motion made by Larson, seconded by Carroll, to approve **Special Permit No. 06031**, with conditions, requested by Verizon Wireless, for authority to construct a 108' tall monopole wireless facility capable of accommodating up to three carriers in the H-2 zoning district, with a waiver of the required fall zone, on property generally located at 540 North 46<sup>th</sup> Street.

Motion for conditional approval carried 8-0 (Larson, Carroll, Esseks, Strand, Cornelius, Krieser, Sunderman and Carlson voting 'yes'; Taylor absent).

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

#### Attachment

cc: Building & Safety

Rick Peo, City Attorney

**Public Works** 

Trena Vunesky, Dolan Realty Advisors, 7718 Forsyth Blvd., Clayton, MO 63105 Verizon Wireless. 10740 Nall Ave., Suite 400, Overland Park, KS 66211

Lincoln Storage-Stashaway, LLC, c/o Thompson Realty, 2930 Ridge Line Rd.,

#105, 68510

Hartley Neighborhood Association contacts (3)

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#### RESOLUTION NO. PC-00995

#### SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 06031

1	WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless has submitted an application designated as
2	Special Permit No. 06031 for authority to construct a 108' tall monopole wireless facility capable
3	of accommodating up to three carriers in the H-2 zoning district with a waiver of the required fal
4	zone on property generally located at 540 N. 46th Street, and legally described as:
5 6 7 8	Portions of Lots 11 and 12, J.G. Millers Subdivision, and a portion of vacated 46th Street right-of-way, located in the South Half of Section 20, Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska;
9	WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has held a
10	public hearing on said application; and
11	WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the
12	real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this wireless facility tower will
13	not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and
14	WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set
15	forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the intent and
16	purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and
17	general welfare.
18	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County

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Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

1	That	the ap	plicatior	n of Verizon Wireless, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to
2	construct a 108' tall	monop	oole wire	eless facility capable of accommodating the antennas of three
3	carriers be and the	same is	s hereb	y granted under the provisions of Section 27.68.030 the
4	Lincoln Municipal C	ode up	on cond	dition that construction of said tower be in strict compliance
5	with said application	n, the si	ite plan,	, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and
6	requirements:			
7	1.	This	approv	al permits a 108' tall monopole for wireless facilities capable
8	of accommodating t	he ante	ennas o	f three carriers consistent with the revised site plan with a
9	waiver to the fall zon	ne and	an adju	stment to the landscape screening.
10	2.	Befo	re recei	ving building permits:
11 12 13		a.	to the	Permittee shall complete the following instructions and submite Planning Department for review and approval a revised site including five copies showing the following revisions:
14 15 16			i.	Add a note stating that the monopole will have a galvanized finish.
17 18 19			ii.	A signed surveyor's certificate and a revised legal description that includes Lot 11 and vacated North 46th Street right-of-way.
20 21 22			iii.	Include a landscape plan showing landscape screening consisting of the number of plants that can reasonably be planted and maintained east of the monopole.
23 24 25			iv.	Add the following notes:  A. The monopole will not be lighted.  B. All antennas shall be flush-mounted arrays.
26 27	·		V.	Show adequately-sized lease areas for ground equipment for all three carriers.
28			vi.	Show the correct scale on the site plan.
29 30		b.	The c	onstruction plans comply with the approved plans.
31 32		C.		it a surety adequate to guarantee removal of the wireless y subject to approval by the City.

1	<ol> <li>Before use of the facility all development and construction shall have</li> </ol>
2	been completed in compliance with the approved plans.
3	4. All privately-owned improvements shall be permanently maintained by the
4	owner.
5	5. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all
6	interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation
7	elements, and similar matters.
8	6. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate
9	the Permittee, its successors and assigns.
10	7. The applicant shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City
11	Clerk within 30 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 30-
12	day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The clerk shall file
13	a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the
14	Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in advance by the applicant.
15	The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County
16	Planning Commission on this <u>10</u> day of <u>May</u> , 2006.
	ATTEST:
	Chair mh
	Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney

#### PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

**NOTIFICATION** 

TO

Mayor Coleen Seng

Lincoln City Council/

FROM:

Jean Walker, Plannin

DATE:

May 12, 2006

RE

Waiver No. 06002

(Sanitary Sewer Design Standards - 84th & Rokeby Road)

Resolution No. PC-00997

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2006:

Motion made by Larson, seconded by Carroll, to approve **Waiver No. 06002**, as revised on May 10, 2006, requested by Seacrest & Kalkowski on behalf of Developments Unlimited LLP, to modify the Sanitary Sewer Design Standards to waive requirement 2.1 that the transfer of wastewater from one watershed to another by any means, such as a lift station or construction of a sanitary sewer which cuts through the ridge separating watersheds, on property generally located in the vicinity of South 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Rokeby Road.

Motion for approval, a revised, carried 8-0: Larson, Taylor, Carroll, Esseks, Strand, Cornelius, Sunderman and Carlson voting 'yes'; Krieser absent.

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

#### Attachment

CC:

**Building & Safety** 

Rick Peo, City Attorney

Public Works

Kent Seacrest, 1111 Lincoln Mall, Suite 350, 68508 Developments Unlimited LLP, 8020 O Street, 68510 

#### RESOLUTION NO. PC- 00997

WHEREAS, Developments Unlimited LLP on behalf of multiple property owners has requested a modification of the Sanitary Sewer Design Standards to waive requirement 2.1 that the transfer of wastewater from one watershed to another by any means, such as a lift station or construction of a sanitary sewer which cuts through the ridge separating watersheds, shall not be permitted, for property generally located in the vicinity of S. 84th Street and Rokeby Road; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Director has recommended approval of the requested modification to the Design Standards upon condition that Developments Unlimited LLP and other property owners pay for the cost of oversizing the Beal Slough sewer lines to handle the transfer of wastewater from the additional acreage to be sewered and other sanitary sewer costs caused by this development; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the strict application of the transfer of wastewater from one watershed to another would result in actual difficulties or substantial hardship or injustice to the property owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

1. That the provisions of Sanitary Sewer Design Standard 2.1 which prohibits the transfer of wastewater from one watershed to another by any means, such as a lift station or construction of a sanitary sewer which cuts through the ridge separating watersheds, is hereby waived for the property described as:

Ţ	The South Hall and East Hall of Section 27, Township 9
2	North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M., the North Half of
3	Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M.,
4	Lots 1, 23, and 24 Irregular Tracts in the Northwest Quarter
5	of Section 35, Township 9 North, Range 7 East of the 6th
6	P.M., and all of Section 26, Township 9 North, Range 7 East
7	of the 6th P.M., south of the railroad tracks, except for Lots
8	9, 22, and 29 Irregular Tracts and Lots 1 and 2, Sunset
9	Ridge Subdivision, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska;
10	upon condition that Developments Unlimited LLP and other property owners pay for the
11	cost of oversizing the Beal Slough sanitary sewer lines to handle the transfer of
12	wastewater from the additional acreage to be sewered.
13	The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County
14	Planning Commission on this <u>10</u> day of <u>May</u> , 2006.
	ATTEST:
	/S/ ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
	Jon Carlson
	Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney

#### PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

**NOTIFICATION** 

TO :

Mayor Coleen Seng

Lincoln City Council

FROM:

Jean Walker, Planning

DATE:

May 15, 2006

RE

Special Permit No. 06030, Charleston Heights Community Unit Plan

(Northwest of N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Humphrey Avenue)

Resolution No. PC-00996

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2006:

Motion made by Strand, seconded by Carroll, to approve **Special Permit No. 06030**, with conditions, as amended, requested by Charleston Heights, LLC, for authority to develop **Charleston Heights Community Unit Plan**, for 206 single family dwelling units and 144 attached single family dwelling units, together with a waiver of the minimum lot area, on property generally located northwest of N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Humphrey Avenue.

Motion for conditional approval, as amended, carried 8-0 (Larson, Taylor, Carroll, Esseks, Strand, Cornelius, Sunderman and Carlson voting 'yes'; Krieser absent).

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

#### Attachment

CC:

Building & Safety

Rick Peo, City Attorney

Public Works

Paula Dicero, SNB Management Corporation, 1233 Infinity Court, 68512

Charleston Heights, LLC, 1233 Infinity Court, 68512

Parrot Family Farms, LLC, 5329 Marigold Court, 68521

#### RESOLUTION NO. PC- 00996

#### SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 06030

1	WHEREAS, Parrott Family Farms has submitted an application designated as
2	Special Permit No. 06030 for authority to develop Charleston Heights Community Unit Plan for
3	206 single-family dwelling units and 144 attached single-family dwelling units, together with a
4	request to waive minimum lot area, on property generally located northwest of N. 14th Street
5	and Humphrey Avenue and legally described as:
6 7	Lot 2, I.T. located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, township 11 North, Range 6 East, Lancaster County, Nebraska,
8	WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has held a
9	public hearing on said application; and
10	WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the
11	real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this community unit plan will
12	not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and
13	WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set
14	forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the intent and
15	purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and
16	general welfare; and
17	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County
18	Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

1	That the application of Parrott Family Farms, hereinafter referred to as
2	"Permittee", to develop Charleston Heights Community Unit Plan for 206 single-family dwelling
3	units and 144 attached single-family dwelling units be and the same is hereby granted under the
1	provisions of Section 27.63.320 and Chapter 27.65 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon
5	condition that construction of said dwelling units be in strict compliance with said application, the
5	site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:
7	1. This approval permits 350 dwelling units and reduces the minimum lot area for

- This approval permits 350 dwelling units and reduces the minimum lot area for the 144 attached single-family lots as shown on the approved site plan.
  - 2. The City Council approves associated requests as follows:
    - a. Change of Zone #06026
    - b. Annexation #06007

- 3. Final plats must be approved by the City.
  - a. If any final plat on all or a portion of the approved community unit plan is submitted five (5) years or more after the approval of the community unit plan, the city may require that a new community unit plan be submitted, pursuant to all the provisions of section 26.31.015. A new community unit plan may be required if the subdivision ordinance, the design standards, or the required improvements have been amended by the city; and as a result, the community unit plan as originally approved does not comply with the amended rules and regulations.
  - b. Before the approval of a final plat, the public streets, private roadway improvements, sidewalks, public sanitary sewer system, public water system, drainage facilities, land preparation and grading, sediment and erosions control measures, storm water detention/retention facilities, drainageway improvements, street lights, landscaping screens, street trees, temporary turnaround and barricades, and street name signs, must be completed or provisions (bond, escrow or security agreement) to guarantee completion must be approved by the City Law Department. The improvements must be completed in conformance with adopted design standards and within the time period specified in the Land Subdivision Ordinance.
- 4. Final plats may be approved by the Planning Director after the Permittee as Subdivider enters into an agreement with the City whereby Permittee agrees:

1 2 3 4	a.	To complete the street paving of public streets, and temporary turnarounds and barricades located at the temporary dead-end of the streets shown on the final plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.
5 6 7 8	b.	To complete the paving of private roadway, and temporary turnarounds and barricades located at the temporary dead-end of the private roadways shown on the final plat within two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.
9 10 11	C.	To complete the installation of sidewalks along both sides of the streets and along the private roadway as shown on the final plat within four (4) years following the approval of the final plat.
12 13 14 15	d.	To construct the sidewalk in the pedestrian way easements in Block 14 at the same time as N. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street is paved and to agree that no building permit shall be issued for construction on Block 14 until such time as the sidewalk in the pedestrian way easement is constructed.
16 17	e.	To complete the public water distribution system to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.
18 19	f.	To complete the public wastewater collection system to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.
20 21 22 23	g.	To complete the enclosed public drainage facilities shown on the approved drainage study to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.
24 25 26	h.	To complete the enclosed private drainage facilities shown on the approved drainage study to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.
27 28 29 30	i.	To complete land preparation including storm water detention/retention facilities and open drainageway improvements to serve this plat prior to the installation of utilities and improvements but not more than two (2) years following the approval of the final plat
31 32	j.	To complete the installation of public street lights along streets within this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.
33 34 35	k.	To complete the installation of private street lights along the private roadways within this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.
36 37	l.	To complete the planting of the street trees along streets within this plat within four (4) years following the approval of the final plat.
38 39	m.	To complete the planting of the landscape screen within this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

1 2 3	n.	To complete the installation of the street name signs within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.
3 4 5	0.	To complete the installation of the permanent markers prior to construction on or conveyance of any lot in the plat.
6 7 8 9	p.	To complete any other public or private improvement or facility required by Chapter 26.23 (Development Standards) of the Land Subdivision Ordinance in a timely manner which inadvertently may have been omitted from the above list of required improvements.
10 11	q.	To complete the public and private improvements shown on the Community Unit Plan.
12 13 14	r.	To submit to the Director of Public Works a plan showing proposed measures to control sedimentation and erosion and the proposed method to temporarily stabilize all graded land for approval.
15 16 17 18 19 20	S.	To properly and continuously maintain and supervise the private facilities which have common use or benefit, and to recognize that there may be additional maintenance issues or costs associated with providing for the proper functioning of storm water detention/retention facilities as they were designed and constructed within the development, and that these are the responsibility of the Subdivider.
21 22	t.	To maintain the outlots and private improvements on a permanent and continuous basis.
23 24	u.	To maintain the plants in the medians and islands on a permanent and continuous basis.
25 26	V.	To maintain the street trees along the private roadways and landscape screens on a permanent and continuous basis.
27 28	W.	To maintain the sidewalks in the pedestrian way easements on Block 14 on a permanent and continuous basis.
29 30 31 32 33	X.	To maintain and supervise the private facilities which have common use or benefit on a permanent and continuous basis, and to recognize that there may be additional maintenance issues or costs associated with providing for the proper functioning of storm water detention/retention facilities as they were designed and constructed within the development.
34 35 36 37 38	<b>y.</b> .	To retain ownership of and the right of entry to the outlots in order to perform the above-described maintenance of the outlots and private improvements on a permanent and continuous basis. However, Subdivider may be relieved and discharged of such maintenance obligations upon creating in writing a permanent and continuous

1 2 3			association of property owners who would be responsible for said permanent and continuous maintenance subject to the following conditions:				
4 5 6 7 8 9			(1)	oblig profe insta that	divider shall not be relieved of Subdivider's maintenance gation for each specific private improvement until a register essional engineer or nurseryman who supervised the allation of said private improvement has certified to the City the improvement has been installed in accordance with oved plans.		
10 11 12 13 14			(2)	and docu have	maintenance agreements are incorporated into covenants restrictions in deeds to the subdivided property and the iments creating the association and the restrictive covenants been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney and filed cord with the Register of Deeds.		
15		Z.	To sub	omit to	the lot buyers and home builders a copy of the soil analysis.		
16 17		aa.			rith the provisions of the Land Preparation and Grading s of the Land Subdivision Ordinance.		
18 19		bb.	To relii to N. 1		the right of direct vehicular access from Lots 1-14, block 14		
20	5.	Befo	re a final	plat is	s approved:		
21 22 23		a.		ents a	e shall complete the following instructions and submit the nd plans to the Planning Department office for review and		
24 25			i.	A rev revisi	ised site plan including 5 copies showing the following ons:		
26 27				(1)	Make revisions to the satisfaction of the Public Works & Utilities Department comments of April 26, 2006.		
28 29				(2)	Make revisions to the satisfaction of Watershed Managements comments of April 26, 2006.		
30 31 32				(3)	The extension of Plantation Way through to Magnolia Lane or the creation of another north-south street connecting Charleston Heights Lane and Magnolia Lane.		
33 34 35				(4)	Revisions to street naming to reflect changes requested by the Lincoln Police Department, Emergency Communications (911), and Building & Safety.		
36 37				(5)	Reduction in the right of way widths to 60 feet on both Julesburg Drive and Charleston Heights Lane.		

1 2				(6)	Show utility easements as requested by LES report of April 21, 2006.		
3 4				(7)	Delete waivers 1-3 on Sheet 1. These waivers are not needed.		
5 6				(8)	Add a waiver for block length for Block 14 under General Note 24 on Sheet 1.		
7 8 9				(9)	Remove the City Council approval block from the cover sheet. This special permit is final action at Planning Commission unless appealed.		
10 11 12				(10)	Change Magnolia Court and Plantation Court to private streets or show 27' wide paving if they are to remain public streets.		
13 14				(11)	Show the correct right-of-way for the south half of Humphrey Ave.		
15 16				(12)	Revise the Landscape Plan to show the screening within the right-of-way.		
17 18 19 20				(13)	Add the following note to the Landscape Plan, "The installation of the plant material shall be by a certified landscape contractor as approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.		
21 22				(14)	Revise the landscape plan to meet screening requirements for residential lots backing on to a major street.		
23				(15)	The surveyors certificate must be signed.		
24 25 26				(16)	A 60' public access and utility easement over the private roadways.		
27 28 29			ii.	of acc	le documentation from the Register of Deeds that the letter eptance as required by the approval of the special permit een recorded.		
30 31		b.	Ornamental street lights for private roadways and pedestrian way easements are approved by L.E.S.				
32		C.	The co	onstruct	ion plans comply with the approved plans.		
33	6.	Before occupying the dwelling units all development and construction is to					
34	comply with t	the approved plans.					

1	7. All privately-owned improvements, including landscaping and recreational						
2	facilities, are to be permanently maintained by the owner or an appropriately established						
3	homeowners association approved by the City.						
4	8. The site plan accompanying this permit shall be the basis for all interpretations of						
5	setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation elements, and similar						
6	matters.						
7	9. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate the						
8	Permittee, its successors and assigns.						
9	10. The applicant shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk						
10	within 30 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 30-day						
11	period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The clerk shall file a						
12	copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the						
13	Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in advance by the applicant.						
14	The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning						
15	Commission on this <u>10</u> day of <u>May</u> , 2006.						

ATTEST:

Chair

Chief Assistant City Attorney

Approved as to Form & Legality:

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May 10, 2006

Mr. Landon Osborn 1840 "E" Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

Regarding: Structural engineering inspection and investigation of the three new 8" CMU x 7'-00" tall Screen Walls located at 1840 "E" Street in Lincoln, Nebraska.

KKL No. 28-06

Dear Mr. Osborn:

#### **GENERAL**:

On April 27, 2006, I performed the above-mentioned inspection. Present at that time were Mr. & Mrs. Rick Ems (Ems Concrete, builder of the walls) and myself. The purpose of this inspection and subsequent investigation was to determine if the 7'-0" tall 8" CMU Screen Walls meet the local building codes and had sufficient strength to resist the code prescribed wind loads which they will be subjected to.

### **OBSERVATIONS:**

There were three walls which were approximately 7'-0" in height. One wall was on the north side of the property, adjacent to the alley. This wall was approximately 50 foot in length. The other two 7'-0" tall walls were on the east side of the property and were both approximately 8 feet in length. There were also two short walls approximately 2'-4" in height and 8 feet in length. At the northeast corner of the lot a 14" square x 8 foot high CMU pier had been constructed. I interviewed the builder of these walls and pier, Mr. Rick Ems, to attain the information as to how these walls, pier and their footings were constructed. Based upon the information provided by Mr. Ems, the walls were constructed as follows:

1. The masonry blocks used were 8" CMU (Concrete Masonry Units) normal weight with only the ends of the walls grouted full height and 1-#4 rebar in that grouted cell.

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2. The 14" square x 8 foot high CMU pier at the northeast corner of the lot was grouted full up to the tenth course with 1-#4 rebar in that grouted core.

3. The footings were reported as being typically 20"-24" deep x 18"-24" wide. These footings were reported to have 2- #4 rebars placed at mid-height of the footings and running continuously in the longitudinal direction. The concrete used to pour these footings was reported to have a 28-day concrete compressive strength of f'c = 2,500 PSI.

I requested that the size of the footings for these three walls and pier be verified prior to performing my analysis/design check of these walls and their footings. Based upon that inspection, I discovered the following discrepencies in what was reported to be the dimensions of these footings:

1. The footing for the south 7'-0" high wall on the east side of the property is only 11" deep.

2. The footing for the 14" square CMU pier at the northeast corner of the property is only 15.5" deep.

## **CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based upon the information gathered at the site, both measured and reported by the contractor, I performed a structural analysis of the 7'-0" high screen walls (Ref. Enclosed Structural Engineering Calculations). My main concern is whether or not these walls and their footings have sufficient strength to withstand the code prescribed 90 MPH (3-second gust) wind load. The results of those calculations demonstrate that these walls do **not** have sufficient strength or stability to withstand the code wind loads. The footings for these walls were found to be adequate.

Therefore, I recommend the following remedial measures be performed to the three 7'-0" tall CMU walls and the 14" square CMU pier:

1. The three 8" CMU walls require #5 vertical rebars @ 32" o.c., cores grouted full, for the entire length of these walls. Further, these #5 rebars will need to be drilled and epoxy grouted into the top of the footings for an embedment depth of 12" at the north/alley 7'-0" high wall and the north 7'-0" high wall on the east side of the property. Since the footing for the south 7'-0" high wall on the east side of the property is only 11" deep, the embedment depth of these dowels need only be 8" in length. The grout should have a 28-day compressive strength of f'c = 3,000 PSI and the rebars should be ASTM A615, grade Fy = 60,000 PSI. I also recommend that #9 gage horizontal joint reinforcing be installed @ 16" o.c. vertically (every other course).

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2. The 14" square CMU pier will need to be replaced with a new 14" square CMU pier. This new CMU pier should be reinforced with 4-#5 vertical rebars in the corners and #3 ties @ 16" o.c. All four of the vertical rebars will also need to be drilled and epoxy grouted into the top of the footing for an embedment depth of 12". The interior core of this pier should be grouted full with grout having a 28-day compressive strength of f'c = 3,000 PSI and the rebars should be ASTM A615, grade Fy = 60,000 PSI.

It is extremely important that these remedial measures be performed as specified above. Therefore, I recommend that periodic special inspection of this work be performed by me or another structural engineer. The ability of these walls to resist the design code wind loads is dependant upon the development of the #5 vertical rebars into the top of the footing. Therefore, the installation of the 12" drilling and epoxy grout embedment is absolutely critical to the final safety of these walls.

I would like to make one final comment in regards to the serviceability of these walls and the pier. None of the footings for either the three 8" CMU walls or the 14" square pier had the appropriate code minimum 36" of frost cover to the bottom of the footings. Therefore, at sometime in the future I would expect that some or all of these walls and the pier may experience some degree of upward heave due to the lack of appropriate frost cover. This heave could cause cracking in the masonry mortar joints and possibly the block units themselves. The only way to preclude such movement and distress would be to remove the existing footings and pour new footings to at least the code minimum 36" of depth.

Should you have any questions regarding this report or require further assistance, please contact me.

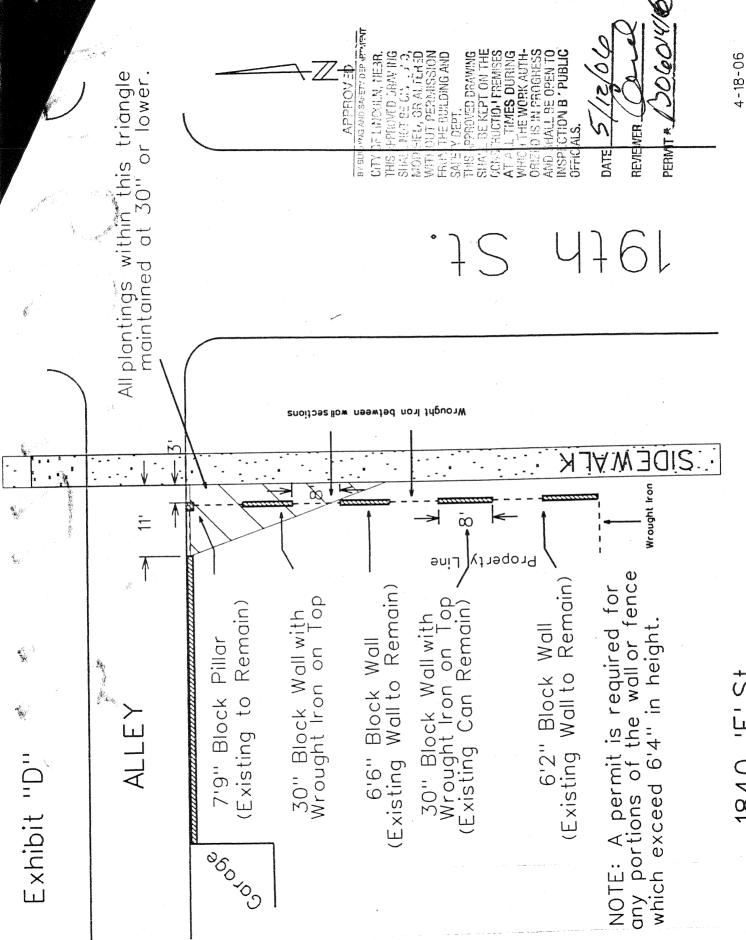
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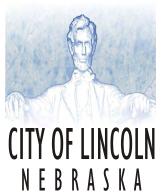
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1840 'E' St.



# PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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May 17, 2006

## PINE LAKE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT #700014 40th Street - 61st Street 56th Street; Shadow Pines - Thompson Creek

We are asking you to change directions again. This advisory is to inform you that access to Pine Lake Road will be changing. Starting Monday, May 22, 2006, Constructors will be working in the area where the old Pine Lake Road and the newly widened Pine Lake Road meet at the furthest east end (approximately 62nd Street).

Access to your property will be at the intersection of 61st Street (rock road) south thru the addition of Village Gardens to Big Thompson Boulevard then west to 56th Street.

At a later date in May, possibly before Memorial Day weekend, access will be restored using South 59th Street to Pine Lake Road and east to 70th Street. This will be opened for the remainder of the project until the intersection of 56th and Pine Lake Road is opened, possibly late fall.

The closure of 56th Street at Pine Lake Road is planned for the week of June 5, 2006.

Thank you for your cooperation with this project. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Charlie Wilcox, Project Manager City of Lincoln, Engineering Services 531 Westgate Boulevard, Suite 100

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To TBogenreif@ci.lincoln.ne.us

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Subject Re: firetruck issue

History: 

This message has been replied to.

yes--add it to the agenda.

Jon Camp Lincoln City Council

City Council Office: 441-8793

Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

----Original Message-----

From: TBogenreif@ci.lincoln.ne.us

To: campjon@aol.com

Sent: Mon, 15 May 2006 08:16:00 -0500

Subject: Fw: firetruck issue

Jon,

This email was addressed to you, Do you want me to list it on the Directors' Agenda for May 22nd? Please, let me know.

Tammy Grammer City Council Office 441-6867

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firetruck issue

#### Councilman Camp,

I know that you have been involved with the firetruck issue and the

Mayor's decision to forgive all late fees even though five of the seven

trucks have not been delivered. I have not heard much lately about this

issue. Is Mayor Seng planning on holding firm to her decision not to

collect these fees? I believe that we should move forward and collect

these late dues even if it means going to court. I hope this issue is not

dead in the water. I think the city council needs to pursue this situation - it stinks!

Thank-you for your involvement in this matter.

Jodi Delozier South Lincoln

# COMMUNITY MEETING HELD MAY 12 IDEAS FOR INCREASING CITY INCOME

Most of these ideas were tourism related and can be handled by the CVB. They would cost the City little or nothing. The Chamber indicated at the meeting that the average family unit visiting Lincoln for an event spends \$278. I believe that what we need to do is set a goal to try and raise that. I have asked the Chamber to provide me an idea of the increase in revenue if we could implement some of these ideas this year.

#### **Ideas for Employers of Any Business**

Golf tourneys bringing in out-of-town guests, rather than just companies in town, hosted by the business community

Emphasize out-of-town mailing lists for any kind of business doing sales. Talk more about how important out-of-town customers are.

Sarpy County sends "bragging" e-mails to out-of-town customers on a database telling of latest business Successes

Buy Locally Local Hero program, not just for Rollerskating, but also for businesses that innovate local support

Have the media do an education about the negative effects of on-line purchasing

Media wants business owners to make press releases more interesting and relevant; i.e. Nebraska ties company has; jobs created

Media wants to be fair and not just emphasize one business but how a whole business sector is doing

Manufacturers: don't compare Lincoln's costs on a national basis, compare it on a regional basis

Manufacturers need to make a link between their business costs and retention of jobs (i.e. LES issue)

Get the Universities involved more with Job Fairs to let students know what jobs are available right here in Lincoln to keep them here after graduation.

#### **Tourism Related Ideas**

When family units come to Lincoln for an overnight, they spend an average of \$281. We need to make a goal to Increase the number of families plus increase what they spend.

Define ourselves. Are we a City known for events, education, technology, etc.? This group liked the events emphasis.

Create a venue for Kid--not high school—regional sports competitions, such as soccer, baseball, dance: hundreds of families to Lincoln for tournies at Abbott, YMCA, Pershing rather than going to Omaha or Topeka

Pivotal events this summer: State Fair, Air Show, Americruise

Stay an extra day campaign - sporting events. Get people to stay for Lied Center, Children's Museum, etc.

Seek for ways to get state tourism grants by bundling activities like the Star City Parade with some other things to do in the Lincoln in the community

Airshow: Promote Lincoln as the home of Charles Lindberg and advertise it on I-80

I-80 corridor. Explore repealing billboard legislation, find ways to do more advertising using lodging tax

Oma-Link could shuttle people from the Fairs to shopping, movies, dining

Marketing effort to encourage campers for the Fairs to stay in a motel

State Fair should do coupon books for businesses in Lincoln. Fair needs to be open to its visitors leaving campus to spend \$ in Lincoln.

Advertise Lincoln lodging to events in Omaha that sell out their local hotels

NE Press Association charges \$200 to do a press release to every newspaper in the State. We could utilize this.

Football: let malls know more than one week in advance what the starting time is in order to plan events

Local retailers should utilize e-mail more and offer free delivery, especially at holidays

Cross-marketing: Pershing and Westfield should co-advertise; Events Center and Downtown, etc.

Collect e-mail addresses of sports fans

The governor is promoting Vacation in Nebraska. We need to tag onto this campaign.

Find ways to show what Lincoln has to offer for outdoors activities: Pioneer's Park, Golf courses around town, area pools etc.

Campaign to come to the lakes around Lincoln for better waterskiing than what Omaha has

Encourage Hobbytown to do a model car show in Lincoln

Encourage Harley Davidson to do events

Community could work together on more Humanitarian projects for national publicity/public goodwill.

Talk to kids (not High School) to see what they would like to do or what appeals to them. We can always find out from parents but if the kids aren't interested they won't want to be involved.

City Council needs to be aware of the regulatory environment and fees charged to do events. Both can be discouraging.

Ways to show what Lincoln has to offer for outdoors activities: Pioneer's Park, Golf courses around town, Area Pools etc. Keeping students here in Lincoln with good events and facilities is a quality of life issue

If we don't grow the City, we will have to decide what to cut

#### REQUEST VIA E-MAIL FOR IDEAS TO GENERATE INCOME FOR THE CITY

"Budget deficit.: We have just found out that the City has a \$8 to \$10 million budget deficit. About 1/3 of that is because sales tax is not increasing like we had predicted. I would like to do more than just suggest budget cuts. What creative ideas do you have for our community that could help us boost sales tax receipts so that we don't have to raise taxes?"

Annex the State Fair grounds. They are "outside" the city limits, therefore no City Sales Tax.

I know it's not very creative but if we want to grow the sales tax we need to do it through growth. Continuing to bring business to Lincoln, grow existing business and minimize the hurdles that the Planning Commission, City Council and the Mayor's Office put up is the best way that the City can promote increased sales tax. The creation of more jobs brings more people to Lincoln, builds more houses and drives the economy.

Robin, did I hear you're having a meeting today about raising money for the city?? We think the Lincoln Housing Authority should chip in almost a million dollars in lieu of taxes, just as LES does.

If sales tax is the biggest cause of the shortfall, perhaps we should be less restrictive in our ideas about retail development...Perhaps we could encourage more usage of Haymarket Park for concerts...work with Abel and Charlie on that. Keep the Huskers winning, for sure...that goes without saying! Push hard in our promotion of "Jazz in June", July Jamm, and Ribfest...outstate and Omaha advertising. (even though Omaha folks are less likely to come...by advertising in Omaha, perhaps some small town lowa folks would come and spend their dollars)

I always find it interesting that we receive flyers in our Journal Star about South Dakota & Kansas City. Do we do this in other states promoting Nebraska?

Cut the City sales tax on retail sales over say \$10,000 dollars in half for 30 days this Fall to encourage more large ticket purchases in the next budget year. Annex as much land as you can to add to both your sales tax jurisdiction and property tax valuation. (Firethorn and surrounding acreages are easy targets)

Short term solutions are hard to come by. Being a more business friendly community would reap long term sales tax and other tax benefits. I visited with the owner of a coffee franchise in Kearney who wants to establish a location in Lincoln and she couldn't believe how difficult Lincoln is to work with. We all hear stories of this every week. They all can't be considered bogus. In the short term, a one week citywide retailers endorsed Lincoln City Retail Sales promo around Thanksgiving for Christmas shopping might have merit if promoted throughout the state with adequate statewide marketing support and all restaurants, retailers, hotels, etc., offering a discount to shoppers who have a non Lancaster County address on their drivers license.

The reality of the situation is housing starts are off 40% over the last two years which is part of the cause. The resolution would be an attitude change, one which the City Counsel does not have any control.

Tough question -- are we driving collections of sales tax on Wal-Mart sales out of the City? Concentrate spending on needs rather than wants!

Are we following private industry in Health Ins. costs and passing more costs on to the employees, raising deductibles etc? How can we reduce what appears to be employees paid more than private industry. How can we get off of the merry go round of looking at what other communities pay and look instead of what private industry is paying. Can we privatize more government entities? Can we get our old ambulance service back and save \$500,000? I think that if we are going to pass a bond issue for streets (ever), it needs to be street only and we need to see a strict limit on budget this year. Most people are fearing that the City is going to go crazy since assessed values are going up and we all all going to end up with a BIG tax increase on top of high gas prices and a slowing economy.

It has to come from personnel cost since that is the major component of the budget. Lower wage increases, cuts in health benefits and reductions in work force where possible.

I am writing to you in regards to a news cast I recently saw. One of the events mentioned was the upcoming Americruise this July. I am wondering with the popularity this event brings every time it is here, not to mention the revenue it brings to the city, Why is it that every time a new racing facility is sought, it is struck down with such negativity? Imagine a track near Lincoln with better access, more hotels and more people, that could attract families from Lincoln and surrounding communities. I think this would be a great opportunity for Lincoln.

I believe higher interest rates, and more taxes are causing the citizens of Lincoln to hold onto they money and curtail spending. I wish I had a good answer to this one. I do think the city needs to look more at needs and not wants and structure our spending accordingly. I think the loss of the Park Bond issue is sending a clear message to the city. We just can't afford everything we want. I spoke with someone who attended the CIP meeting last Monday and they indicated that all the available money was going to the Antelope Valley project and there would be nothing for new streets, roads etc.

On the budget, we must take actions to control city staff salaries and benefits which are excessive when compared to the private sector in Lincoln. The county has eliminated funding for the Women's Commission, the city should take the same action. We need a performance auditor (this person would pay for themselves in the first month).

I would attack payroll to effect change on the budget. Take a couple of positions out of Public Works, and Stormwater Mgmt. If a couple of people are let go, then the others will become more productive, or the depts. will focus on the really important items they are in charge of. I also like the idea of foregoing merit increases.

Most people believe that the government, including city, is consistently wasting tax dollars and over-spending. A couple years ago our church told all the staff to cut their spending 20% (everybody!); when that was done many people began volunteering to take care of some of the "spaces" and now our giving is way up. I think the reduction promoted a huge level of needed trust in the church leadership and staff. Accountability is a rewarding practice, promoting honor and respect.

One thing we could do to increase tax revenue is to repeal the 'no smoking' ordinances. I do not smoke but I know that it has had a serous negative impact on our bar business in Lincoln. Another thing we could do would be to enforce our contracts, e.g., the fire truck purchase. The mayor recently gave away \$600,000 of the taxpayer's money!

We need reform at city hall so that developers and current property owners can develop their properties in an easier, friendlier, more cost effective way, rather than deciding their time and money is better spent in more business-friendly communities.

The number 1 thing the City can do is quit standing in the path of growth, i.e. building creates sales, income AND additional property taxes; and to think growth is BAD, well, go figure.

Approve U Stop and Wall mart for a start. New construction is way down. Lots and land cost too much. There is a glut of new homes now. Change the attitude at the City. Make it a welcome place to do business. It's so bad I shy away from Lincoln deals any more. Omaha is helpful and want to see growth that pays taxes. Look hard at the non essential services the city has. You can't keep cutting at parks budget.

We need to slightly increase our sales tax rate and somehow lower our property taxes. There are numerous people moving out of this area because the property taxes are too high. We need to have some reduction in spending areas that are wasteful.

The administration has been focusing what seems to me to be extraordinary attention and resources on several issues that I just don't see as problems of any magnitude in Lincoln, including concealed weapons, prostitution and sex offenders. I think the actions are efforts to drum up emotional concerns for political motivations. The administration has to be aware they will face some difficult questions moving into an election cycle as to what they are getting done. These *hot buttons* may reach out to a broad electorate in some way by instigating baseless fears. If such problems do become frequent in fact, there will be opportunity to do something if the existing laws and regulations are truly inadequate. People are using their positions to posture at this point. I am far more concerned about reversing what I have seen as a declining economic base for 2 years. I believe the policies and procedures of our local governmental components chronically disregard and undervalue the economic effects of actions and inactions.

We need tax cuts and not tax increases. It's not getting more money that is necessary as much as putting in place what I have been told City Council wants to do. We need a City Auditor of some type, and I prefer to call that person a City Manager. This position has been successful in other communities. The City Manager would be hired and approved by the City Council, but would report with a "dotted line" to the Mayor. The Mayor could not personally fire the City Manager, but the City Council could if the City Manager was not performing to their standards. The City Council could intervene with any issues between the City Manager and Mayor. This is in no way a reflection of Mayor Seng, but a method of protecting the City Manager so the job could be performed properly without fear of repercussion. The position can not be filled as a regular city position is, or it will have very little effect on the bottom line.

Bring in more businesses that people would stay here to shop instead of running up to Omaha. It is so quick to Omaha now and they have the businesses. It is very apparent when you go there, because almost everywhere is busy. The other is try some positive media exposure. Everyone is very negative on Lincoln right now. All I hear are the complaints about property taxes going up (again). I know that the tax is not going up, just the evaluation, but you would have to be a math midget not to know that the amount of TAX you owe is going up. We have over 2000 listings on the market as of the end of April and sales are down 26%, this is huge to the city. People are unloading their investments (single family rentals) or moving out of town. Another complaint that I hear is about the pension plan at the city. Where do I sign up? Budget cuts to city services is one thing, but how about the fat at the city departments. They have not come up with anything original either and I would think that is what we pay them for. I went to the CIP meeting the other

day and was impressed with all of the department heads, then the assistants, etc. There were more city staff there than listeners. And talk about dismal city projections!! We don't even need a roads department!! They aren't building any!! Sorry for the lengthy reply, but I am thinking about relocating because I don't see much future here either for myself or my children. And my children deserve better than no future!

New Walmart(s), new Target, new theaters outside downtown. Or, generally...more growth.

A new Wal-Mart will fix alot of the problem! Promote "support of city" days this summer. Market days where people are to eat out at least two meals on these days, stay in a hotel in town (let the kids swim), go to a movie, maybe you promote doing three things on these days, i.e. eat out, see a movie, spend a certain amount on something.

What we need to do is quit looking at businesses and growth as the enemy who must be watched closely and contained. Most of the sales tax revenue we've lost is from lumber yards and other building materials suppliers. Oh, and we could maybe use the \$600,000 that the Mayor just forgave for the fire truck delays. Apparently we only have those fines and rules for vendors we don't like, so we can either scare them away or hold them to it if they don't perform. Another million might be from the Fire Department's ambulance service. I guess 6 years ago when everybody but the firefighters were saying they would lose money but the council just didn't believe them, maybe that was a little mistake they made. Come to think of it, Mike Spadt told Cindy Johnson that if the FD's projections were wrong and they lost money, that he'd be responsible. Has anyone billed him?

We must increase revenue by increasing the number of taxpayers. It is also currently popular for politicians to say the we don't have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem. Both of these are absolutely true, it may well be true that decreased spending is the most important. CUT, CUT, CUT!!!!!

THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM AND DESERVES SIGNIFICANTLY MORE ATTENTION. MAYOR NEEDS TO STOP VETOING PROJECTS THAT WOULD GENERATE HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES (I.E. HIGHER AND BETTER USE) AND SALES TAX. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS (4 IN PARTICULAR, YOU ARE NOT ONE OF THEM) NEED TO WAKE UP AS WELL. I AM SHOCKED THAT WE COULDN'T GET THE GAS STATION/MCDONALDS ON 21<sup>ST</sup> & CAPITOL PKWY, YET SOMEHOW WE ARE GETTING A BODY SHOP ON THE OPPOSITE CORNER. WAL-MART ON 84<sup>TH</sup>?

If tax rates are LOWERED, revenue will RISE. If taxes are raised, revenue will decrease because citizens will refrain from spending. Try it, you'll see. It works just the opposite of what people think. It's been proven repeatedly in the larger economy. Lowering taxes are a win win all the way around.

I am attending your meeting this morning but believe that by making Lincoln, especially The downtown area, more of a destination for tourists, conventions, sporting events, concerts and festivals, the city budget can be impacted positively. Government today is unfortunately focused more on cutting and limiting than building and strengthening – I appreciate that this is not your approach.

Allow the Lancaster County Event Center to expand and attract more out of town convention/shows. Also, allow them to use the corner for retail. Encourage other venues to offer more entertainment events attracting more out of town dollars.

Lincoln is one of a number of cities that are facing this issue.......we are not alone. However, creating revenue and balancing budgets are, in my mind, separate but related issues. I really believe that if Lincoln wants to maintain the "quality" moniker that has been known for and constantly promotes, it will have to grow out of the budget deficit problem. I think that requires infrastructure investment. We need to do the following: 1) Revisit the Infrastructure Bond Issue (\$200+ Million), 2) Accelerate the utility development of Stevens Creek and the Waverly Area, 3) and Work with Omaha in developing the I-80 Corridor. These major investments will require a lot of "changing of the public sentiment". This has been and will be a lot of hard work in Lincoln. And it may require some political sacrifice.

I would be willing to pay more taxes (property, sales, income) if there was a specific plan to direct these additional resources to needed infrastructure investment. It seems as if the "sales tax specific" measures (like LB 500) seem to gain more traction, because the voters have a better feel for where the money goes. The key to all this is leadership that can gain the trust of the community.

As you know sales taxes are not growing because Lincoln is not growing at a fast enough rate. I understand controlled growth, zoning laws and considerations for all of the elements involved, however as a City we are not very good at accommodating new growth either from businesses outside of Lincoln or expansion growth of Lincoln businesses. It seems there is road block after road block or hoop after hoop anytime businesses come forth and want to expand or even start here. We need to figure out a better way to streamline the process and encourage new growth aggressively. We may have to take two steps backwards in order to take four steps forward. We may need to be aggressive with offering new businesses or growth businesses tax deferral incentives for a certain period of time (i.e one to two years). We could be aggressive with TIF as well — not just in blighted areas or potential development areas that scream TIF. As a City we are just not friendly to business growth. We have an excellent employment pool but unfortunately the pool for them to swim in is too small.

If the sales tax revenue is down, there has to be less spending as any business in a slow economy. Do what private business does, reduce your overhead, reduce staff, and look at efficiencies. The City street department is always going back to dig up something they just dug up. It's going to be a hard sell, but City staffing has gotten out of hand. Like the addition of the Affirmative Action Officer (which is a worthless position when you have a Personnel Director who can handle the load) and the Internal Auditor.

What we really need to tell this administration is LET GROWTH TAKE PLACE, time and time again I see them shutting down proposed projects that would create more building thus creating more jobs and more tax dollars. The construction industry in this city is taking a very large hit, I have spoken with numerous other Plumbing and Heating companies here and there are only 1 or 2 of them that are back logged. In fact most are in the midst of cutting back on employees. This is the same with the home builders, general contractors, and almost every phase of construction. REPEAL THE IMPACT FEE NOW! Almost everyone that I talk with in this industry tells me that they are getting calls from Building and Safety concerning old permits that are still open or that they were not able to get into the space at the time they were supposed to. I have spoken with Merl Scott (Chief Heating Inspector) about how busy they are and he informs me that they are right on par with past years in the # of permits that have been written. Well what he did not tell me is if those were NEW CONSTRUCTION projects, replacement of existing equipment, remodel or just what. I encourage you to contact the Building and Safety Department and question any increase in funding that they may have in the budget. If construction is decreasing then the logic that has been used in the past as to the # of inspectors we need has to come into play when things slow down ( we should not need as many inspectors). This should be looked at in all departments such as Public Works and on down the line. I see a lot of waste in man power in

this City. 1 example is that I live in south Lincoln and have a bike path bordering my property. Some time in the past year the city came along and painted a yellow stripe down the middle of it like a roadway. This path is about 8 feet wide, why do we need a center line on a bike path? No one stays to the right on paths. You can follow this stripe north to Old Cheney and as far west as South West High School on Pine Lake. Who paid for this ridiculous thing. Oh and now we ultimately will have to repaint it every couple of years. On a couple of other things. Forgiving the fire truck manufacturer the penalty for non delivery is ridiculous. Take the ambulance service and give it back to the private sector. Sorry for ranting but this City in my eyes and those that are in the construction business is seeing a slow down and with the publicized occurrences of shutting down development and rising cost of impact fees, construction materials, fuel, and lack of leadership shown we need to change something and change it now! 51% of the new construction we are doing is in either the county or out of this county and from a \$ stand point the largest amount is out of this county. Mainly by Ashland and in Gretna.

Without economic growth in this city...we can't sustain everything. We do everything possible to discourage people from spending money in Lincoln. I don't mean citizens of Lincoln...but passers-by. We just got to I-80 with south 27th. How many cars pass this city every day...that's free money. If they stop and buy gas, spend the night...have a meal..that's free money...but we act like we don't want it. That's why I voted against that parks bond issue...why can't we develop commercial or industrial sites along the south bypass....how absurd is it that Waverly has a site big enough for Tractor Supply and the Smart Chicken plant...and Lincoln did not. We lose the wrestling tournament...I'm sure basketball and volleyball aren't long for this city as well. Housing permits down...the city impact fee is now up to over \$4,000 per house...how much sales tax is generated by the building of a new house...not to mention the sales tax that would be generated by the construction workers who are leaving to find steady employment. I suppose if our fire department also built homes we might be more concerned about it. Also..why do we repave off streets...like Cable avenue..C Street..etc. Street money should be about expanding...and repaying arterial streets...PERIOD. Economic development is the only way to go...and it has to happen along the major roadways around Lincoln. I read you mentioned stopping merit pay...GREAT idea. Its time our elected leaders realize they were elected to protect all Lincolnites...and not just the ones who work for city government...especially are poorly run and operated FIRE DEPARTMENT. Our jobs are important too...and we can't pass our costs on to someone else.

The only substantive expense to effect is wages. Is there a possibility to have a "floating" pool of workers between departments to address peak work load periods and then not have as many staff sitting around during slow periods? The real solution is then to grow revenues in areas other than property tax, e.g. sales tax. The Mayor's office needs to get serious about growing the Lincoln economy. Why are state sales tax receipts growing and Lincoln's isn't? I would assert it is our growth policies and such things as impact fees, and far too restrictive building policies.

Sales tax receipts would be greater if impact fees were not so high and land was not to hard to get developed. Everytime they want to save some land or make another park that the city does not have the money or resources to maintain they just shoot themselves in the foot. We have to be open to growing Lincoln. Growth will bring in money to the city. When new home sales are down, so is the sales tax. We need to get out of the small town mindset and accept that the city is growing. Maybe a thought might be to slim out the city employees.

We constantly shoot ourselves in the foot -- "no" to Walmart, placing parks where commercial tax generating businesses should go, building trails and bridges instead of roads, living wage requirements, ... these are just a few examples and I would venture to guess there are many many ways that the city could raise tax dollars without raising taxes. Also, on the cost cutting side, where is labor cost reduction in the discussion. Benefits reform especially -- the private sector can't afford the level of benefits delivered, yet the taxpayers can?

I would pursue personnel costs solely - who can be eliminated, what standards need to changed, what productivity gains can be made, how can health care costs be passed thru to employees, how can we reduce the cost of retirement? If you want to truly increase sale tax revenues look at how difficult it is do business in Lincoln – every department operating separately with no management or City goals to achieve or results to weighed against. I have calculated that so far this year the City of Lincoln thru their various departments have cost me personally over \$225,000 in interest costs plus loss of rents – do to their various department needs – this is why we are building in Omaha, KC and MN – I can't make a profit here – only the government in Lincoln makes money – and that is another reason the Parks Bond failed.

I'm not that creative. What I do know is that a city this size should generate far more in sales taxes than it does. We, of course, lose some receipts because of retail options available in other cities, but not here. Ann Taylor, J Crew, Babies R Us, Black Market, White House come immediately to mind. We also do a very poor job, in my opinion, of separating thousands of students at UN-L from their parents' money. Of course, actually being able to get from Point A to Point B to shop would help.

Look for expenditures that duplicate private sector activities (the blue pages in the phone book is as great resource for this) and cut them back or eliminate them.

Long term, a business friendly attitude would certainly help. Not to beat a dead horse, but when it was determined that 84th and Adams was a bad place for a great big store...the Mayor and the planners could have said to Wall-Mart "but let's sit down and see if we can't help you find a place that works for all of us". And then, as you know, eventually the sales tax revenue begins to flow, It's not the fault of just this administration, but they could start the turn around as part of the long term solution. You could "re-privatize" the ambulance service; encourage neighborhood groups to start sharing in the maintenance of the parks and public areas within those neighborhoods( instead of beating up on every new business that wants to develop near them); find sponsors for the broadcast of public meetings on channel 5 (don't really like the idea of competition with commercial stations, but we're just brain storming here);if we're stuck with StarTran maybe more efficient /smaller vehicles sized to the market they serve. And, last but not least...how about a dunking booth set up outside the planning commission and city council chambers during their meetings (staffed by the planning staff) where for "contributions of \$50 or more(in increments of \$50) people would get three tries to dunk their favorite planner. Seriously, as has been discussed in the past the biggest opportunity for budget relief is in the personnel area. Also, one of the hardest to accomplish, but we have to start sometime.

No one wants increased taxes of any kind. The City continually is promoting bond issues and raising funds by Impact Fees and other means. I think we have gone far enough with this and we need to cut the budget. Not everyone will be happy with budget cuts, but everybody will be happy to see our taxes not increase. Lincoln residences are taxed at 100% of market value (actually 101%) while Omaha enjoys being between 93-97%. The only answer to this budget deficit is to grow with industry and bring some more persons into our fold. Budgeting for the city is like budgeting for anyone; when we personally overspend on our credit cards, we must cut back and it is painful, but a necessity. The city is no different, we have overspent and know it. We must reduce our spending and it is going to be painful; however, it is necessary we must do it and the sooner the better.

#### Dear Mayor Coleen:

Thank you for your response Monday. I appreciate the opportunity to work together to solve difficult problems. You are correct, we are our own best sales force for the City but we often forget it! Thanks for doing all you can to promote the Elegant L.

Now we are moving to the era of specific budget cuts. You asked for specifics. This is never fun, but I wanted to offer my input as to the areas I am willing to support cuts. Based on the survey that I did over the winter (which is the Best Available information that I have on public opinion) and continued interaction with groups I speak to, I have divided these areas into 3 broad categories and offered specific ideas for many areas.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR MAKING CUTS**

I will use the following values in order to make my decisions:

- ➤ If we cut it, will our city lose income?
- ➤ If we cut it, will it cost our city money in the long run?
- ➤ If we cut it, perhaps it will make some people unhappy, but might the city save money without incurring a loss of income or deferring expenses?

#### AREAS I WOULD SUPPORT SUBSTANTIAL CUTS:

- 1. Merit Pay: Merit pay needs to be merited. We are overly worried about the CIR, and we need to do the right thing. We need to make budget cuts \$1 million, \$100,000, and \$10,000 at a time, whatever it takes. It all adds up.
- 2. Co-Pays: I will support you on this idea.

- 3. Senior Centers: As sad as it seems, the survey indicates that buildings are not what the public wants to see. I do believe that in the future we should explore some sort of way on the local level to help seniors with health care costs—I think that would mean more to them than all the senior center buildings in the world—but there isn't support for this type of capital improvement in the CIP.
- 4. Swimming Pools: I know this has been a fierce discussion in the past, but I believe we need to revisit the question of whether there are any pools that can be closed. Out of a list of 13 items, survey participants ranked this as second to last in importance. This will take great courage and will not be popular. I am curious as to the attendance rates at the various pools in recent years. I might be willing to reconsider if attendance has increased.
- 5. Antelope Valley: We have done back flips but there just is not strong public support for this. The first priority should be to cut things we would LIKE to have but do not HAVE to have: public gathering areas, beautification, and entertainment. I think these types of things might be possible to fund with grants or donations. I do support expenditures in Antelope Valley that would provide a fairly immediate prospect for jobs.

#### 6. Multi-modal transportation:

- a. We need to look at cuts to the bus service. If gas prices continue to rise, it will cost our city even more money. It will be interesting to see what the transportation study indicates, and I think we should re-visit our philosophy that we need to provide service in all parts of Lincoln. The public hearings will be no fun, but we are going to have to cut it down to the routes which receive the most ridership and that best serve the low-income in our community. Try as we might, public attitudes have not improved from the time my survey was done back to the Multi-Modal Transportation Study Final Report in September of 2004 and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Transportation and Mobility Study of 2001.
- b. Expenditures involving no-net rise, water run-off, flood plain issues, etc. Hopefully the city is not planning any expenditures on this. My even bigger concern is that things such as the flood plain studies are being used to frighten people and stop growth in our city. Stopping growth stops jobs and stops sales tax. Jobs and sales tax are our two important issues right now. In addition to opposing general budget expenditures on this, I will oppose any bond issues to spend more money in this area.
- c. Trails. We have had two bond issues with the word "Trails" in them that have failed. I use the trails and I know other people who do and who love them. But here are the facts: Realtors have stated that they devalue homes when they are placed directly behind the homes. Putting center lane stripes down the middle of the trails is something somebody (not me) would LIKE to have, but it is not something we HAVE to have. We can't possibly afford to maintain them in the future because we know we can't even afford to maintain our sidewalks, which did pass public vote.

# AREAS I WOULD SUPPORT CUTS AT THE PERCENTAGE SUGGESTED BY THE MAYOR

- 1. Libraries. Carol O'Conner has indicated to me that she wishes she could close some libraries in order to economize. This is incredibly controversial as the pools issue, but I think she would like to have our support on this. Like the pools, we probably need to look at recent use trends.
- 2. Parks. Lynn Johnson has indicated that the capital improvements are what have been difficult for us to afford. For the time being, we need to halt the addition of new capital improvements to parks, even if it means we have to pass on a government grant, and make our primary focus maintaining green space. If we already have capital improvements that can't be deferred any longer, than we will have to be responsible for maintaining them or remove them. It is clear that the voters want us to take better care of what we have.

I would like to propose one or two fundraising positions for the Parks that would bring INCOME into the city. These positions would write grants, or solicit estate planning from previous donors, or serve as a liaison to the community for certain types of fundraising. I have discovered that development directors and grant writers are generally two different personalities.

- (a) DEVELOPMENT POSITION. The purpose of this position would be to solicit funds to insure operating income and capital funds for various departments with an eye towards the immediate and more importantly over the next 25 years. This person would meet with persons in our community and ask them to make the Parks Departments a part of their estate planning. Salaries from \$45,000 to \$80,000 + benefits + vehicle seem to be the market for non-profits. In 6-18 months we should be able to raise ½ Million in immediate cash and ¼ Million of planned giving commitments for a beginning level employee. Could be up to \$2 million for an experienced fundraiser. Third party positions are a retainer of about \$3500 to \$5000 per month plus a percentage of funds raised. Profit organizations such as hospitals could be double the wages and fundraising. *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* can provide further study. Let's make assumptions that we can hire someone for \$80,000 which would include benefits and sharing a vehicle with some other department, and raise \$250,000 (triple our investment) in the next year.
- (b) GRANT WRITER: Senator Buetler's contract is part-time and comes up in June. Maybe we discontinue it and only do (a) above. If we think it is worth it to keep this position, we might be able to contract out, preferably to someone locally, who can perform tasks similar to him and Barbara Baier and raise money for programs and capital items. The cost to hire another employee would be about \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year plus benefits, but they should be expected to at least double their salary. Let's make an assumption that the cost would be \$70,000 per year with benefits and the revenue would be \$200,000. If the individual were writing government grants, the revenue would be far greater. But again, we need to be careful about obligating ourselves to capital expenditures that obligate us to large amounts of maintenance money.

- 3. Downtown Master Plan ideas. Again, the proposed civic square bothers me because we can't take care of Centennial Mall. I do think it should be privately funded as much as possible.
- 4. Police
- 5. Fire. One idea that has been floated around is to hire firemen or police men in anticipation of the opening of a new station months or years from now so that it is not a shock to our budget. I disagree with that. If we open a station, it's no shock—it's something we've been talking about for a long time. My company hires people when needed. We do not hire accountants or maintenance men months or years in advance and hope we can find duties for them to keep them busy, just so we can avoid a shock to our budget.

#### AREAS I DO NOT SUPPORT CUTS

- 1. Roads. I believe that budget reserves should be committed to this.
- 2. Jobs.

#### WOMEN'S COMMISSION

The fact of the matter is we don't have another \$95,000 to fund this division. I think we should explore the possibility of moving the Women's Commission into Economic Development or possibly Urban Development. Here's why:

✓ So many issues we women face circle back to the jobs issue: our difficulties with health care costs, our desire to have an employer who is understanding and will let us run for office; our earnings ratio, our difficulty to afford housing, the difficulty we have getting into management positions, our need to be in the workforce to begin with and even get a second job, our financial inability to leave an abuse situation, our inability to save enough money for old age—are because of a lack of competition in the employment environment. I have had a copy of Working Women magazine's top 100 companies since last fall. I haven't had time to call any of those companies. What better resource to do so than Bonnie Coffey. She should receive funding from the Chamber to fly out and meet with these companies, if necessary.

- ✓ The Women's Commission has pointed out the problems—such as gap in pay between women and men—but have not been able to solve all of the problems. I think part of the reason is they are not a considered by the business community to be a credible group to call upon for a speaker, so the business community doesn't learn about the issues. Look at how many speaking engagements Darl gets because he is in Economic Development. Moving them to Economic Development will give them more credibility with these groups.
- ✓ There has been a hue and cry lately for performance-based evaluation of employees. What better proof can you offer that you are meeting performance standards than to be able to say that you brought jobs in to Lincoln that pay women well.
- ✓ It's hard to deny that many of the functions the Women's Commission deals with are being referred to the Health Department, the Police, and Non-Profit associations. I think there is still a way to reduce staff and continue to refer these functions to these other entities.
- ✓ Women are not perceived as holding high-level positions in the jobs arena and on boards of directors. This would be putting a woman in a more powerful position.
- ✓ Since our city's ability to generate income is in crisis, having Bonnie coordinate jobs, education for women, and scholarships would, in both the short and long term, generate income for the city. But more importantly, they also cut to the heart of the problems that plague women and truly solve the problems that women have.

#### **COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

It is going to take more than just me to plead to the rest of the Council for a competitive bidding process for things like selection of developers, the construction of police stations, the procurement of office supply vendors, etc. Mayor, I need your help with this.

#### **AUDITOR**

We've had the money budgeted for months and it just plain looks really bad that we aren't getting anything done. Tell the committee to finish. Hire someone by July 1.

#### PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

I don't think the voters want their property taxes raised one penny, especially since they don't want to give up a gallon of milk a year to help pay for Parks. I will support a property tax increase, but only in the amount equivalent to inflation. I believe the CPI has been running about 2-3%. I think people would dislike, yet still understand, that logic.

Mayor, thank you for your advice last year on How to Get Through the First Budget Season (I took your advice). I know that you love our town and care about its citizens. Thank you for your dedication to solving its problems.

Cordially,

Robin Eschliman

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May 15, 2006

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CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

Lincoln City Council City Council Office 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for the recent 8 year extension of Aquila's franchise with the City of Lincoln. We value serving you and the citizens of the City, and are committed to the community's growth and well-being. As we have for decades, we pledge to continue providing good service & being a good community partner. Your vote of confidence is much appreciated, and we'll work hard to continue earning the privilege of serving you.

Sincerely,

Steve Pella

Vice President, Nebraska Operations



To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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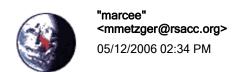
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I support the Mayor's effort to ban the law that allows private citizens to carry concealed weapons!!! Thank you. Kathleen N. Nelson.

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Subject support gun ban

May 12, 2006

To: LincolnCityCouncil Members

From Marcee Metzger, Rape/ SpouseAbuseCrisis Center

Subject: Please support gun ban in Lincoln

I write today to express concern over the concealed weapons law recently passed by the Nebraskalegislature and to urge your support of a gun ban in Lincoln.

Guns and other weapons profoundly affect the dynamics of domestic violence when they are used by a batterer to intimidate and frighten as well as to maim and kill. Studies have shown that firearms substantially increase the lethality of a violent interaction. A 1997 analysis of domestic homicides where a woman was murdered by a spouse, intimate acquaintance, or close relative showed that having one or more guns in the home made a woman 7.2 times more likely to be the victim of a homicide.

The Rape Spouse Abuse Crisis Center Staff regularly hear stories from battered women and stalking victims of how guns are used to control and frighten them. Many gun and knife injuries are presented. Children often witness these threats and suffer long term effects. More guns allowed in the home and on the streets will increase the use of them in domestic violence and sexual assault situations and increase the likelihood that more women and children will be killed.

We know that when a victim chooses to leave the batterer, the violence often escalates. It is simply not in the best interest of public safety to allow a batterer to chase after an escaping victim and her children with a legal and concealed handgun.

It is a myth that concealed weapons will somehow protect women, we must point out that for each time a woman used a handgun in 1998 to kill an intimate acquaintance in self-defense, 97 women were murdered by an intimate acquaintance using a handgun. The myth that strangers who hide in dark alleys are a woman's greatest threat is simply untrue. Most victims of relationship violence, stalking and sexual assault know their perpetrators. This is as true in LincolnNebraskaas the national statistics indicate.

LincolnNebraskahas supported a coordinated response to respond to family violence that is identified as a model around the country. The Nebraskaconcealed gun law contradicts the efforts made to make Lincolna safer place for families to live. Please support a ban on concealed weapons in Lincoln.

James E. Bailey, M.D., MPH et al., "Risk Factors for Violent Death of Women in the Home," *Archives of Internal Medicine* 157, no. 7 (1997): 777-782.

Data from the 1998 FBI Supplementary Homicide data. Analysis performed by the Violence Policy Center, 1140 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036, www.ypc.org



#### **CLARICE LAWSON**

3243 "Q" Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68503 (402) 477-1115 cl2970@inebraska

May 12, 2006

City of Lincoln, Nebraska ATT: City Council Members 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68521

RE: Agenda to create City Ordinance to prohibit carrying concealed weapons

I am writing you today to express my thoughts and feelings concerning the creation of a City Ordinance to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons in the City of Lincoln. It is my opinion that this idea is a really bad move on the part of Colleen Seng, mayor. I believe this to be illegal and a "stab in the back" to the Nebraska State Legislature. While Lincoln is a part of the State of Nebraska and the capital of the State of Nebraska I do not think that fact gives the City of Lincoln the right to "overstep" the legislation that was passed during the legislative session in favor of the right to carry a concealed weapon.

My personal feeling is that having a gun is a bad idea for both criminals and law-abiding citizens; it is not something I, personally, want to have (I'd probably shoot myself in the foot) but there are times when I think I should have one for my own protection. Let's face it! Lincolnites and Nebraskans in general are no longer living in a time of peace and tranquility, and I believe this to be true for the United States and other countries. In truth . . . WE ALL LIVE WITH A CORRUPTED SOCIAL CLIMATE. Our environment is no longer one in which we have the security to go about our daily lives with faith and trust in everyone around us; we have, in effect, become more isolated than ever because of those who are living in desperation and despair due to lack of those things which we all need: love, care, safety, acceptance, social training and education, etc., etc., etc., These are people who never had a good start in life since birth, and who are angry, craving, desperate due to drugs, alcohol, abuse, or whatever else you may think of. Many of these people are literally "out of reach" for help; or the help is "out of reach" for them. The law-abiding citizen is vulnerable to being subjected to attack by these people who never learned how to live peacefully in the world around them. The world we live in is gradually becoming a "war zone" for those unaware and unprepared for sudden attacks, abductions, forcible entry, rape, etc. They need to have the tools by which to protect themselves, their family, friends, and their homes; and be taught how to defend themselves and others from those who would inflict harm. It is for these reasons that I am addressing you today to ask each and every one of you to please JUST SAY "NO" TO ANY ACTION TO PROHIBIT OUR FREEDOM TO PROTECT OURSELVES, AND OUR FAMILIES, AND OUR FRIENDS, AND OUR HOMES.

Thank you for your services and your time. Please take what I have written seriously and JUST SAY "NO"

Sincerely,

Clarice M. Lawson, concerned citizen

#### Paul Haith <phaith@alltel.net>



05/12/2006 09:59 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Fire Trucks

It is time to get the whole process of purchasing the fire trucks out in the open. There are overtones of special treatment of EDM for the purchase of the trucks from the beginning of the bid process, changing the specifications after the bid was awarded, to the waiving of the disincentive late charges, to giving EDM tax breaks for designating West 'O' as a blighted area. From this tax payers perspective, it looks like a cover up for wrong doing by the Fire Chief , City Purchasing Agent, and the Mayor.

I have contacted the State Auditor's office and they have advised me that, if requested, they would look into the whole situation. I would strongly encourage you clear the air with a complete review by an independent audit by an outside agency and gain back some of the tax payers trust

Thank you for your consideration, Paul Haith 2010 S. 80th Lincoln, NE 68506 402-489-0093



To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject thinking outside the box

consolidate libraries. close neighborhood and downtown libraries. hotel/motel bed tax of \$15 per room per night tax reform whereby r.e. taxes are reduced and public services—are increased or added a fee open lps pools to the public year round. eliminate women's commission.

don't say this can't happen because it is commonplace throughout the usa.



To Council@lincoln.ne.gov cc bcc

Subject west "A" project

Mr.Kirkham,

I'm not certain if writing this serves any purpose except for me to unburden myself. I've just learned that to complete the west 'A' project, you have proposed the destruction of a large part of my backyard. My heart is broken! It may seem a small thing to you, but it is a huge part of my solace and and physical and mental well-being. Knowing that it is next to impossible to fight eminent domain, my neighbors plan to move. I can't afford to move. I bought this house (2005 w. cove) knowing I'd live out my life here. I bought it because of the backyard where my son could play in safety, and then my grandchildren. I planted willows cottonwood and silver maple to shade them, and naturalized the area along the fence with logs and native plants for a meadow-like feel. My youngest and I built a deck this spring to further enjoy it. I can't really explain how truly devastating this is to me. I can't even see the need for the project in it's current form. I guess what I want to know is if you can't 'tweak' things a few feet, and leave me my haven. The people who walk the natural path behind my fence next to the prairie fire crab trees are loathe to see it replaced by a raised sidewalk. They walk that path because they enjoy it, not because there aren't alternate routes (there are). One such walker, upon learning of the proposed plan, took the trouble to come back with a list of attorneys in the state, who do pro-bono work in eminent domain cases, that he'd gone home and researched on the 'net. He doesn't even know me! Thanks for taking the time to hear me out.

> Sincerely, Karen Hatcher

cc/Lincoln City Council

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Subject Important Lincoln issue re: Transportation

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission limits our Lincoln's transportation. Lincoln has suffered with poor private ground transportation for years, and OMALiNK wants to change the status quo. There are two monopolies that dominate private Lincoln ground transportation - Servant Cab and Omaha-based VIP Limousine. Please support Lincoln's premier ground transportation provider, OMALiNK, to gain the authority to operate within Lincoln and serve our local airport. OMALiNK's business plan is to provide Lincoln with another transportation option using a combination of late model vans, Town Cars, and conservative Limousines at reasonable prices.

Thank you for helping with this important Lincoln issue. The taxi company and VIP Limo are fighting us tooth and nail, trying to not allow any competition, even though we are not directly competing with them (using metered vehicles). We plan to have a small fleet of vans, town cars, and limousines that will charge using either an hourly or zone rate structure.

Below is some information on the subject; a letter that I wrote to folks about the issue, as well as the front page article in the business section of the LAS from a few weeks ago.

We respectfully request that you come to the Nebraska Public Service Commission (3rd floor of Atrium on 13th and N) on Wednesday, 24 May at 1000am to support our quest to provide Lincoln with another ground transportation option.

Best regards,

//Chris//

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Lincolnhas a problem - Ground transportation monopolies. The Nebraska Public Service Commission controls the passenger transportation market in Nebraska, allowing or disallowing companies to provide services. Over many years two monopolies have grown to dominate the ground transportation market in Lincoln: Servant Cab and Omaha-based VIP Limo. Unfortunately, often with monopolies come poor customer service, high prices, long wait times, and questionable vehicles and operators.

Have you in the last few years ever:

- 1. Called or ridden in a taxi in Lincoln
- 2. Called or ridden in a Limo in Lincoln
- 3. Needed airport transportation
- 4. Needed transportation within Lincoln (church group, company meeting, etc)

If so, I need 15 minutes of your time by testifying on May  $24^{th}$  in downtown Lincolnagainst the monopolies that dominate our ground transportation market.

OMALINK would like to fill the gap and provide a service that provides options to Lincoln. Our goal is not to replace the cab or Limo companies, but to give Lincolncitizens and visitors a choice when it comes to ground transportation through healthy competition. Our goal is to begin provide service in Town Cars and conservative Limousines, concentrating on meeting the transportation needs of business travelers.

Servant Cab has limited OMALiNK through the Public Service Commission to NOT operate within Lincolnor serve the LincolnAirport. Also, Omaha-based VIP Limousine is fighting OMALiNK from competing with it in luxury transportation. Currently, OMALiNK is limited to only using vans for its service, and only between Lincoln and Omaha. We need your support in going before the commission to compete with these companies. **OMALiNK seeks to gain the authority to transport our citizens within Lincolnand to the LincolnAirport, as well as offer them the choice of sedans or Limousines.** 

You can help fix the ground transportation problem in Lincoln...Please support OMALiNK on May 24th at 10am at our hearing downtown at 1200 N Street, Suite300. There will be no changes without your help. I would personally ask for your support in our efforts to offer more choices for citizens and visitors to Lincoln. Thank you for your consideration, and please call me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,

//Chris//

Christopher B. Stokes, President,

OMALINK, Inc.

Contact info:

Business: 402.475.5465

Cell: 402.770.6145

Email: cbstokes1@aol.com

OMALINK wants to provide new services BY RODD CAYTON/Lincoln Journal Star Chris Stokes has an office, a company and a dispatcher.

Everything needed, save vehicles, to begin sedan (taxi) or limousine service, it seems.

Everything, except permission from the Nebraska Public Service Commission. But the body, which regulates transportation in the state, will conduct a hearing May 24 on whether Stokes' shuttle business, OMALiNK, should be granted wider authority.

Stokes said OMALiNK, if given the authority, will augment its fleet of vans with town cars and limousines.

The company is seeking what's called "open class" authority, which means it could carry multiple passengers to different destinations, as opposed to taxi service, which typically carries one rider to a destination, then picks up its next fare.

OMALiNK, which began running in late 2003, now picks up passengers within Lincoln, and transports them to Eppley Airfield or other locations within downtown Omaha.

When he got the charter for OMALiNK, Stokes said, the cab companies in Lincoln "wanted to force me to go through an arduous process."

Rather than fight a protracted battle at that time, he said, he made "a deal with the devil," and accepted a certificate that forbade him to go from point-to-point within Lincoln, or to carry passengers to or from the Lincoln Airport.

"I get phone calls every day from passengers wanting exactly that type of transportation," he said.

Is there a need for expanded OMALiNK service?

Stokes and a couple of businesspeople say there is.

Owners of other people-moving companies disagree, saying they're doing a good job, and OMALiNK's entry into their business is unnecessary.

Stokes said broader operating authority for OMALiNK would address a "lack of quality transportation options" within Lincoln.

Stokes views VIP Limousine and Servant Cab (which operates in Lincoln as Capital Cab and Yellow Cab) as monopolies — monopolies he wants to end.

"Anybody who's taken Econ 101 knows what happens with monopolies," Stokes said. "The quality goes down, the customer service goes down and prices go up."

Michelle Zinnecker, an administrative assistant at Lincoln Benefit Life, is in favor of competition, at least for taxis.

"The cab service in Lincoln is undependable," Zinnecker said.

Zinnecker did say, however, that limousine service has "proven to be completely reliable."

Bill Alford, owner of VIP Limousine, said OMALiNK will have to realize that there's more to providing luxury rides than just buying the cars.

"We're a professional chauffeured limousine company," Alford said, adding that his chauffeurs (different, he said, from "just a driver") are well dressed and professionally trained.

Those who would drive for VIP Limousine are also subjected to federal background checks, submit to drug tests before being hired, and are randomly tested while in the company's employ, said Alford.

"Anybody can go get a car and rent it out," he said.

VIP Limousine is opposing expanded authority for OMALiNK, Alford said, because he doesn't think there's enough business to keep both his experienced company and OMALiNK thriving. He suggested that OMALiNK would fail.

"Having people that .... don't make any money doesn't look good for the industry," Alford said.

One way of measuring customer service, Stokes said, is wait times. He said he's heard of passengers waiting 45 minutes or more to be picked up by taxi.

Dave Snitily, president and co-owner of Lincoln advertising firm Snitily Carr, said he's historically been underwhelmed by taxi service. Snitily Carr typically hires cabs to take guests home after office holiday parties or other events, he said.

"Whether we tell them in advance it's coming," Snitily said, the cabs haven't seemed to be able to meet commitments to pick up passengers on time.

"It seems ridiculous to me, in a city of our size, to have to wait an hour for a cab on a Saturday night."

He supports the OMALiNK bid.

"If it'll improve service, having somebody new come in would be a good thing," Snitily said.

Kirby Young, who with his brother Vance owns Servant Cab, defended his company's record, saying there have been no formal complaints against the cab companies since he and his brother took over ownership four years ago.

"We can all rally people to our defense, based upon the service we've given and the service we provide," Young said. "There's always gonna be people who think they've waited too long."

Servant Cab opposes OMALiNK's bid, and Young said a historical precedent says the service shouldn't be allowed in.

"There wasn't enough traffic to support two (cab companies) before," he said, recalling that

Capital Cab and Yellow Cab merged before the Youngs purchased them. "What he (Stokes) desires is to scrape off the cream of what we take."

Young said Servant Cab has discussed its strategy with an attorney, but he declined to elaborate much on what that strategy is.

"We will present the truth and that's it," he said.

The companies' planned objection is no surprise to Stokes.

"VIP and Servant fight tooth and nail to make it difficult" for new carriers to enter the market, he said. "I believe OMALiNK has a really good case."

But it won't come easy, he said.

"It's gonna cost me a fortune."

Stokes sent a later dated April 17 to numerous people in the area seeking testimony in support of OMALiNK at the PSC hearing.

"I don't want to replace the cab company," Stokes said. "I don't want to replace the limousines. I don't want to be the monopoly, I just want to provide them some healthy competition."

Reach Rodd Cayton at 473-7107 or <a href="mailto:reayton@journalstar.com">reayton@journalstar.com</a>.

- Letter for support at NPSC.doc



# <sandersonfam@alltel.net> 05/15/2006 09:10 AM

To <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>, <council@lincoln.ne.gov>, <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Gas Prices

My family and myself were in Omaha this weekend and bought gas at \$2.67 a gallon for E-10 unleaded which was \$.22 lower than I could buy it in Lincoln. This was at a west Omaha station and was representative of all the stations in the area. The competition of the Iowa stations would not seem to be a reason for the lower prices in west Omaha.

With the City looking for more sales tax revenue, it would seem it could be produced by the citizens having more discretionary income to spend on purchases that will produce sales tax renvenue for the City and not be used for gas purchases.

I understand that the gas wholesalers/distributors need to make a profit - but the margins in Lincoln appear to be a little out of whack compared to another large city that is only 50 miles away.

Steve and Carol Anderson



"Anderson, Carol A."
<Carol.Anderson@experian.c
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Sent by: Carol Anderson
<Carol.Anderson@experian.co

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Subject Prices for Gasoline

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

05/15/2006 01:18 PM

Last Saturday we saw the following prices for E-10 Unleaded: Lincoln \$2.89 gallon West Omaha \$2.67 gallon

The price difference was roughly the same for regular unleaded.

How can there can be a \$.22 per gallon price difference between Nebraska's 2 biggest cities.

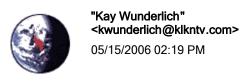
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Subject why are west omaha and lincoln prricess so different?

30 cents per gallon to be exact Kay Wunderlich Regional Sales Manager KLKN-TV8 402-436-2240 "Lincoln's own ABC"

email <u>kwunderlich@klkntv.com</u> Fax 402-436-2269

Cell 402-430-9130

- Kay Wunderlich.vcf



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>, <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov> cc bcc

Subject Gas prices

We were in Omaha last Saturday for soccer games and noted that when we left home gas was \$2.89/gallon and when we got to west Omaha, it was only \$2.67/gallon. Would you please check into the fact that there was a 22 cent difference in the price. It's always cheaper when we go to Omaha, but generally not this much. How can government say there is no price gouging going on in this city?

A reply stating your findings would be appreciated.

Jan Anderson 7332 Skyhawk Circle Lincoln, NE 68506 402-483-2429 janande@inebraska.com

# Dave O <daoco@yahoo.com>



05/16/2006 12:38 PM

To council <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

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Subject Sales Tax

#### Dear Council Members:

I have read with interest accounts of the Mayor's surprise and disbelief regarding the leveling off of city sales tax receipts. Has any effort been made to study the effect of the smoking ban on sales tax receipts? I should say up front that I'm not a smoker and dislike second hand smoke more than most people. I am however, a Libertarian and believe in the rights of everyone, even business owners, to self-determination. Everyone deserves the right to the enjoyment of his or her property and to be safe from government interference in their affairs.

I eat lunch about once a week at a Sports bar such as, Sportscasters, Heidelbergs or Brewsky's. I have noticed a serious drop in the lunch crowd. Where it used to be difficult to find a table the restaurants now sit almost empty.

If the lunch crowd has moved to low cost fast food or resorted to packing their lunch that could explain a drop in the city sales tax from establishments of this sort. Does the city track sales tax by establishment type? I think a closer look would be very interesting.

I would also like to thank you for your vote to save the Taste of China from eminent domain. I made the trek across town (I work in NE Lincoln) to eat there in support of the owner. I'm also a contributor to the Institute for Justice, an eminent domain watch group. This issue will receive national attention every time it's raised.

Sincerely, David Oenbring 2630 S 13<sup>th</sup>

Lincoln, NE 68502 402-474-4300



To "City Council" <Council@lincoln.ne.gov> cc bcc

Subject free thinking

# Good morning,

I just had to chuckle reading yesterday's LJS. I see that our mayor has given you another one of her "Y'all behave now" speeches. I hope the few of you who are free thinkers (you know who you are) will continue to do so. To those of you who work for and serve the citizens of Lincoln and not this mayor, I say-

Bless you, Vicky Valenta

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# AD DENDUM TO DIRECTORS' AGENDA MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006

### I. MAYOR

- 1. NEWS ADVISORY Mayor Seng's Public Schedule for Week of May 20 through May 26, 2006.
- II. CITY CLERK NONE
- III. CORRESPONDENCE
  - A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE NONE
  - B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

1. Letter from Commissioner Bob Workman, re: Termination of Interlocal Agreement Creating Lincoln-Lancaster Commission on the Status of Women. (Council received in Thursday packet on 05/18/06)

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission.

# C. MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. Email from Janine Saltzman RE: Items 9 & 10 Rezone 9<sup>th</sup> & Van Dorn.
- 2. Email from Kitty Fynbu and Alene Swinehart, Irvingdale Neighborhood Association RE: Issues Raised by Proposed Development at 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets at Van Dorn.



# NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

lincoln.ne.gov

Date: May 19, 2006

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

# Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of May 20 through 26, 2006

Schedule subject to change

# Saturday, May 20

- Volunteer at Food Share 7:30 a.m., Fourth Presbyterian Church, 5200 Francis
- Grand re-opening of Pentzer Park, remarks noon, North 27th and Potter streets

# Sunday, May 21

• Friends of Whitehall Mansion annual meeting - 2 p.m., 59th and Walker Avenue

# Monday, May 22

• KFOR - 12:30 p.m., 3800 Cornhusker Highway

# Tuesday, May 23

- KLIN 8:10 a.m., Broadcast House, 4343 "O" Street
- Judicial Nomination Commission for Lancaster County Court public hearing 9:15 a.m., Supreme Court Consultation Room, State Capitol
- News conference 1:30 p.m., Oak Lake Park picnic area



# LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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May 18, 2006

Mayor Coleen Seng 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 208 Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Termination of Interlocal Agreement Creating Lincoln-Lancaster Commission on the Status

of Women

Dear Mayor Seng:

In accordance with Paragraph 7 of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County creating the Lincoln-Lancaster Commission on the Status of Women, Lancaster County hereby gives the City of Lincoln written notice the County will terminate this agreement upon the conclusion of the County's 2006-2007 fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2007.

Also, in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 7, the County hereby requests the return of one-half of any funds remaining in the Commission's budget when the agreement is terminated.

Given the fiscal restrictions created by budget lids, as well as the ever increasing burden of funding mandated services, the County Board is compelled to reduce spending on services which are not statutorily or constitutionally mandated, such as the Commission on the Status of Women.

Sincerely,

Bob Workman, Vice Chairman

Bet Workman

cc: County Board City Council

Gary Lacey, Lancaster County Attorney

Bonnie Coffey, Women's Commission Director Tami Soper, Women's Commission President

# Jean Walker Planning Department



# Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a scheduled public meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2006. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in Room 206, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at 441-7491.

# Agenda of May 25, 2006

1. Approval of meeting notes of April 27, 2006.

# **Public Hearing & Action**

- 2. Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness by Glenn Hillhouse for demolition and new construction on K Street, southwest corner of S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, in the Capitol Environs District.
- 3. Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness by Design Associates for Growth Management Corp. for new construction at the southeast corner of N. 14<sup>th</sup> and Q Streets in the Capitol Environs District.

#### Discussion

- 4. Staff report.
- Miscellaneous.

[Note: Upcoming items include Antelope Creek Bridge at J Street and Downtown Design Guidelines.]



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Subject Rezone 9th and Van Dorn

My husband and I bought our home five years ago in April. We live on the corner of the 2700 block of 10<sup>th</sup> and Hill. We never imagined that the area to the south of our home would become commercial property. We park our vehicles on the street and we have had two hit and runs all ready. Tell me just how are you going to avoid a high volume of traffic running between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> on Hill? I did not move into the inner city to have a "commercial" property outside my back door. If you want to build something there...build a LPD substation. There are too many accidents on that intersection or a park for the neighborhood, anything, but commercial. Right now...I would have rather moved back home to the small town life style than no that crime is coming closer to my home.

And...just how much are our taxes going to go up? Do I sell now? Or later?

#### Janine M. Saltzman

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Subject 9th and 10th at Van Dorn

# To the City Council:

Thank you for your extra efforts in working to find some solutions to the issues raised by the proposed development at 9th and 10th at Van Dorn. The residents of the area and the board members of the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association applaud your diligent and thoughtful work.

The two weeks delay has yielded many good ideas. It would be sad, after so much diligence, if a vote took place now before some of those ideas can be fully explored.

It is our understanding that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be holding a Planning Charette on Thursday, May 25, at the Van Dorn Park shelter. INA is eager to be a part of that process. There is a very complex interconnectedness in all of the pieces of the puzzle that make up this area: roadways and traffic patterns, safety for bicyclists, pedestrians, vehicles and property, park use and accessibility, the types and appropriateness of commercial development, the quality of life for residents and their properties — all have a stake here. We are confident that if given time and continued effort we can find a way for this corner of the city to be attractive, safe and useful to all.

We are so happy with many of the ideas B&J Partnership has proposed and we feel that there is much potential for finding common ground. Irvingdale Neighborhood and the residents of the area thank them for their extraordinary efforts and extraordinary patience. If all the many stakeholders can continue to work together we will be able to find that common ground.

Thank you for your consideration of a further delay in this matter.

Kitty Fynbu, President Irvingdale Neighborhood Association Alene Swinehart, Issues Chair Irvingdale Neighborhood Association